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## Porthcawl takeaway is fined for food hygiene offences

**THE owner of a Porthcawl takeaway has been prosecuted, after numerous food hygiene offences were committed at his premises.**

In a case brought by Bridgend County Borough Council (CBC), Cardiff Magistrates Court heard how food safety officers found serious breaches of food hygiene regulations when they visited the Indus Indian takeaway on New Road, Porthcawl in September 2015.

Officers visiting the outlet had to intervene to protect public health after observing practices which posed a significant risk of food poisoning.

**These included:**

- Cross-contamination hazards such as handling raw chicken on the 'ready-to-eat' and cooked preparation surface, next to 'ready-to-eat' salad, vegetables and food preparation equipment.

- A raw meat knife was in use on the 'ready-to-eat' food preparation chopping board.

- Dirty damp cloths were in use on both raw meat and 'ready-to-eat' food contact surfaces.

- There was poor temperature control, due to food being cooled very slowly, which allows the growth of harmful bacteria and the production of toxins.

- A failure to clean and disinfect food contact equipment adequately, including 'ready-to-eat' food chopping boards.

- A failure to implement and maintain written food safety procedures at the business, demonstrating a lack of control and care.

In all, the takeaway owner, Monya Miah, pleaded guilty to a total of six food hygiene offences when he appeared in court on October 17 and he was fined £1,200 by the magistrates. He was also ordered to pay costs to the department of £280.15, legal fees of £600 and a victim surcharge of £20, making a total payable of £2,100.25.

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## BRIDGEND PARENTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR DIABETES CHARITY



**LOCAL parents of children living with Type-1 diabetes, have raised an impressive £700 by scaling Pen-y-Fan.**

The climbers set out on September 17 to raise funds for 'Type-1-derful', a local group supported by Diabetes UK Cymru, that offers support to families affected by Type-1 diabetes in Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot.

The group is run by local Diabetes UK Cymru volunteers and aims to help families in person, meeting monthly at the 12 Knights pub in Margam, as well as having an active online community that parents can join for support at any time.

'Type-1-derful' offers children and young people living with diabetes an opportunity to meet others with the condition, share their experiences, and have fun.

In addition, the group gives parents of children with Type-1 diabetes a

chance to talk and swap tips about their children's condition. This support can be vital for the families involved.

Ceris Evans (44) from North Cornelly, a member of the group who took on the Pen-y-Fan challenge, said: "My daughter Heulyn was diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes last November when she was 11.

"At first, we were in shock and I had no idea how much our lives would change. Since then, 'Type-1-derful' has been a lifeline to us in many ways.

"The group is always there for advice, listening to others' experiences and to offer support when times are tough. For the children, the group gives them a brilliant opportunity to meet and socialise with others who can relate to them, and understand the challenge of living with a lifelong condition."

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**Type-1-derful Diabetes UK Cymru group members featured from left to right - Ceris Evans, Lewis Oates, Rhian Lloyd, Nicola Oates, Melissa Stephens, Hayley Mood with dogs Glyndwr and Woody.**

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## Looking for Marie

A GROUP of ex-colleagues are wishing to contact Marie Allen nee Steele, who was married on July 14, 1951 and served with her in the army - ATS and Royal Engineers - in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany during 1946-48.

We would like to communicate with anyone who remembers Marie of 10 Stallcourt Avenue, Llantwit Major, from that time.

Please contact John Keen of Tewkesbury on 01684 772407; or by email: gjohnkeen@aol.com John Keen, Tewkesbury.

## Who wants to build what and where?

Mrs Donna Britton - 30 Park Terrace, Tondur - Replacement of roof tiles.

Anwen Care Ltd - Heol Pantyrwael, Pantyrwael - Platforms to provide gardens for bedrooms.

Neath Port Talbot Planning Department - Land east of Mynydd Margam, Port Talbot - Request for screening opinion for two wind turbines (max height to tip 145m) NPT ref P2016/0883.

Mr and Mrs C Royal - 15 Newton Cottage Road, Newton, Porthcawl - Change of use from class A1 Post Office with residential accommodation to class C3(a) dwelling house.

Stormy Down Recycling Ltd - Land adjacent Stormy Down Quarry, Heol Y Spott, Pyle - Approval of details for condition 12 of P14/830/FUL.

Mr S Middleton c/o Plan R Ltd - Plot 10 land north of Abergar Farm, Brynmynyn - Vary condition 1 of P116/239/FUL to allow an increase in ridge height of the dwelling from 9.25m to 10m.

Nick Benyon - Ye Pirates Club, The Square, Porthcawl - Refurbishment of external finishes.

Mr Jonathan Ronan - 65 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill - First floor/raise roof extension with flat roof side dormers.

Mr Liam George - 2 The Parc, Priory Avenue, Bridgend - Ground floor single storey porch extension and front and rear dormer extension.

Mr Craig McCarthy - 11 Trem y Dyffryn - Garage conversion to playroom.

Homecare Care Ltd - The White House, Briary Way, Brackla - Remove condition 4 of P15/183/FUL to allow up to seven residents in need of care at any one time.

Mr Tony Kostic - 4 Moriah Place, Kenfig Hill - Approval of details for condition 2 of P15/820/FUL.

The Rest (Porthcawl) Ltd - The Rest Convalescent Home, Rest Bay, Porthcawl - Discharge of conditions 4 and 7 of P14/763/FUL.

Mrs Cathryn Huddart - 126 Heol Fach, North Cornelly - Vertical platform lift access arrangements from footpath.

Mrs Mona Evans - 7 Derlwyn Close, Tondur - Ramped access arrangements from public footpath.

Steve Marks - 196 New Road, Porthcawl - Construction of balcony and second floor level and widen access including dropped kerb.

Indigo Planning - Royal London Park, Waterton - Illuminated fascia sign, two non-illuminated wall-mounted signs and one non-illuminated post-mounted sign.

ABA Holdings Ltd - The Jennings, Eastern Promenade, Porthcawl - Approval of details for condition 7 of P15/609/FUL and condition 8 of P15/608/LIS.

Ms T Greenslade and Mr K Haines - Land between 33-39 Station Road, Nantymoel - Three attached houses including garages and access (outline).

Neil Morgan - 61 Bryntirion Hill, Bridgend - Replacement of existing rear extension to same footprint.

Cefn Cribwr Rugby Club and Athletic Club - Cae Gof Playing Fields, Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr - Convert the existing undercroft into a players bar and storage area with w/c facility.

Mr Tony Kostic - 4

## Readers' Letters

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## Autism families are under huge stress

**E**IGHT years of an ineffective All-Wales Strategic Plan for autism, with worsening services over the past five years, focussed the attention of us all in the autism community on the autism debate at the Senedd.

So the debate on October 12 was much welcomed as an opportunity to, finally, acknowledge the constant struggle that autism families in Wales face on a daily basis.

I have faced this personally with my autistic son, now 18 and living out of county due to a crisis we had through lack of appropriate support. I have run an autism support group for 13 years, and we have witnessed and supported families through the consequences of dreadful experiences through social services, health, education, CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

Families are under enormous stress because of untimely and ill-informed services. It can take

ages to even get a diagnosis. When my son was diagnosed, we were given no information, and the same is happening now - despite eight years of an autism strategy.

The debate was well-attended and well-argued in favour of an Autism bill and Act, on a par with England and Northern Ireland's legislation. But it was knocked on the head by the Welsh Labour Government, some of whom attended the final few moments of the debate simply to vote against.

The reaction from us in the autism community is dismay, outrage and determination to continue the campaign for acceptance that autism needs its own, specific, legislation. We aren't going away.

Every parent of an autistic child is scared what will happen when they die and their child, young person or adult is left to the lottery of the current system.

We have no confidence that non autism-specific legislation or a refreshed strategy is going to do any better for us and our children, young people and adults with autism.

Jill Grange, Chair, Bridgend and District Branch of the National Autistic Society.

A Welsh Government spokesperson responded: "We already have both the legislative and policy levers to support people with autism."

"Our Social Services and Well-being Act came into force in April of this year and puts the individual heart of decisions about care and support, and aims to meet those needs."

"We are about to publish our refreshed ASD Strategic Action Plan, following consultation with people with autism and their families, where only two responses mentioned the need for more legislation."

"However the Minister has met with NAS Cymru, who are working with officials to explore whether there are parts of their proposed Bill that cannot already be delivered by these approaches and other initiatives, such as our investment in a National Integrated Autism Service through our Intermediate Care Fund."

## 'Autism Act struggle continues'

**O**N Wednesday, October 12, there was a debate in the Senedd on the need for an Autism Act in Wales.

Welsh Conservatives called on the Welsh Labour Government to support the estimated 34,000 people (approx. 1 per cent of the population) and their families in Wales who live with autism.

Labour, led by Carwyn Jones AM, voted not to provide specific legislation to protect and support those people affected by autism.

It was the only major party not to include an Autism Act in its Welsh manifesto, so it was particularly disappointing to see the Liberal Democrats' only AM, Kirsty Williams, vote with Labour in this debate.

Autism is neither a mental health condition nor a learning difficulty, but the majority of those diagnosed with autism will develop a mental health condition and some people with autism are learning-disabled.

As autism lacks a statutory identity in Wales, people are often unable to access effective and much-needed support.

It is a lifelong condition, yet many of the services needed are highly fragmented and are subject

to a postcode lottery and only available at certain times, usually a crisis.

The Welsh Government's autism strategy is a voluntary 'wish list' with no legal obligation on local health boards or local authorities to implement it. It is, therefore, vital that Wales' autism community enjoy the same statutory support as their English and Northern Irish counterparts. However, as with Wales, Scotland doesn't have an Act for autism.

The proposed legislation sought to ensure increased support for people of all ages, by addressing issues such as employment (just one in 10 people with autism are in paid work), making improvements to educational outcomes, health and social services and access to housing.

Currently, these areas present significant challenges for people with autism, placing them at an unfair disadvantage to the rest of society, making it difficult for them to live independent lives.

Rarely have I seen so many people in the public areas of the Senedd present for a debate. It was great to see so many people watching this issue be debated and supporting families like my

own. The demand for an Autism Act for Wales has never been greater nor more necessary.

The coverage by the media on this debate and the vote has been obscenely poor.

Just as I have fought many battles for my family member and friends, this fight for an Autism Act will go on. The National Autistic Society has played an active and vital role in getting this debated in the Assembly, and its members, staff and volunteers should be acknowledged in their achievements.

The NAS has branches throughout the UK and the Bridgend branch is an active organisation offering support and activities for people whose lives are touched by autism. In the eight years that I have been a member, the group's numbers have swollen, so meetings can be 'standing room only'.

If you are touched by autism, please do not hesitate to go along for the support you may need.

Carolyn Webster  
Welsh Conservative candidate, Newcastle Ward, Bridgend.

## Remembering Aberfan horror

**I** KNOW that all Vale residents joined me in reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster, which took place last week.

There are not words to describe what happened on October 21, 1966, as 144 people - including, of course, 116 children - lost their lives.

When the pupils attending Pantglas Junior School left their homes that morning, they could never have imagined the catastrophic events that were about to follow.

The photographs taken in the aftermath illustrate the scale of the devastation that occurred, as so many people lost their loved ones.

Parents and

grandparents lost their children and grandchildren, siblings lost their brothers and sisters and a whole community would never be the same again.

I think not only of those who lost their lives - the children who would not grow up to be adults - but also the survivors, and the brave emergency services and other people who risked their lives to save others.

For those affected by the disaster, the pain will never go away, and my thoughts will be with them tomorrow as they remember what happened on that day 50 years ago.

Andrew RT Davies,  
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, South Wales Central AM.

## RMBI residents enjoy a better 'brekker' time

**RMBI care home** Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court has started a new food and nutrition initiative for its residents in Porthcawl.

Staff member Emily Bethell came up with the idea during a placement for her nurse training, where she was inspired by the hospital's initiative called Breakfasts of the World. The home decided to hold a similar monthly themed breakfast for residents.

Every last Friday of the month, residents are being treated to a special brekkie from a different country. This month they

tucked into a selection of French delicacies such as croissants, pains au chocolate, strawberry brioches and pains au raisin.

Business Coordinator Rebecca Timms said: "Food and nutrition plays an important part in everyday life at our home and we ensure residents receive healthy meals that support their overall wellbeing."

"Following the start of our monthly themed breakfasts, residents said they enjoy a change from the food they are used to and love trying something new. They are already looking forward to the American-themed breakfast next month."

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 03)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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28 Fri	05.47	9.3	18.07	9.4
29 Sat	06.29	9.6	18.46	9.6
30 Sun	05.59	9.8	18.18	9.9
31 Mon	06.35	9.8	18.51	9.7
01 Tues	07.07	9.7	19.21	9.6
02 Wed	07.36	9.6	19.48	9.5
03 Thur	08.04	9.4	20.21	9.2

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# Suspended sentence for man (21) after robbery attempt in Ogmore Vale

An eight-month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months, was passed at Cardiff Crown Court on a young man who attempted to carry out a robbery in Ogmore Vale.

## Man jailed over an attack on a recovering cancer patient

A RETIRED man, who had recently been given the all-clear after undergoing cancer treatment, was assaulted on a train home after intervening in an argument.

The victim had his eye gouged in the unprovoked attack on Saturday, February 20 – only the second time he'd felt well enough to go out and socialise, following surgery and chemotherapy.

Witnessing a heated argument between a fellow passenger, Anthony James Smith, and a woman on board the 8.13pm Cardiff Central to Maesteg train, the victim decided to intervene as he was concerned for the woman's safety. Upon doing so, Smith lunged at him, forcing the victim to push him away to protect himself.

However, 30-year-old Smith launched another attack, this time gouging his right eye, which left the victim in excruciating pain. Smith left the train at Bridgend and got into a taxi before being arrested a short time later at his home.

Appearing at Cardiff Crown Court on October 4, Smith, of Pendre, Bridgend, pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm and was sentenced to 18 months in prison. At the time of the incident, he was on a suspended

old Leo Patterson, had been mugged once in the past, said prosecutor Ian Kelsal.

Conway Gayle, 21, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted robbery.

He had travelled from his home in Swindon to visit a relative in Ogmore Vale.

Mr Kelsal said that Gayle approached Mr

## CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

Patterson and blocked his way in the centre of Ogmore Vale. He barged into Mr Patterson, who stumbled.

He then tried to pull his overcoat off him and he was seen by a group going through the man's pockets. Seconds later, Gayle walked away but was arrested in the vicinity.

"He claimed it was all a joke, and he denied using any violence," said Mr Kelsal. The court

but it was his intention to steal property."

Judge Richard Twomlow told Gayle "You seemed to a group of people in the vicinity to be under the influence of drink."

"You asked Mr Paterson who had been the victim of a previous mugging for money. He believed he was then punched, but you then barged into him and tried to pull the coat off him."

The judge said there were a number of issues which could be addressed in the community.

## Tomorrow's leaders today at Pencoed Comprehensive!



**THE VOICE OF YOUTHFUL DEMOCRACY SPEAKS!**  
Pencoed Comprehensive School Council members elected for 2016-2017.

THE pupils of Pencoed Comprehensive School have elected their School Council members for 2016-2017.

After a week of intensive campaigning, each pupil was asked to vote for two pupils to represent their year group.

The School Council is an extremely important platform for pupils to voice their concerns about issues that affect them directly. The first School Council meeting was held on October 18 and quickly got down to business, electing a

chairperson (Sophie Smith) and a minutes secretary (Erin Scurrah).

The first challenge was to identify the council's priorities for the year ahead and to begin work on a campaign for anti-bullying week.

The council quickly decided on a 'Little Acts of Kindness' campaign for anti-bullying week with competitions and activities to engage all the pupils on this topic.

It's good to know that the 'democratic process' is alive and well at Pencoed Comprehensive School.  
Sally Llewellyn

## 'Hospital staffing must be priority'

HUW Irranca-Davies supported the Royal College of Nursing campaign at an event hosted in the Senedd.

The Ogmore AM met with nurses and healthcare support workers from Ogmore and south west Wales who called on him to support their 'Leading Nursing Shaping Care' campaign launch.

He reported that the Royal College of Nursing Wales wants to work with the Welsh Government to ensure the safe provision of the 'Nurse Staffing Levels

(Wales) Act 2016'.

They hope to ensure sustainable workforce planning is at the heart of the NHS and sufficient numbers of nurses are educated to help fulfil the Acts' aims.

"They feel that the Act's provisions also need to be extended to other areas, such as mental health and the community," said the Ogmore AN, who supports the campaign.

"This historic Welsh

law, which is the first of its kind in the UK, will protect patients by empowering the ward sister/charge nurse and nurse director equally, to ensure there are safe nurse staffing levels.

"The RCN members across Wales in all sectors have campaigned hard in the Assembly, making a case for this legislation and safe staffing in our hospitals should be a priority concern."

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## Leo's high-tech braille device is a first for Wales

JUST like any seven-year-old, Leo Burgess loves the challenge of a spelling test, and the visually-impaired schoolboy is enjoying them even more now that he can use a state-of-the-art 'braille' imported from America.

Leo, who attends Trelales Primary School, has become the first pupil in Wales to use the high-tech Cosmo Electronic Braille, which is a vast improvement on a traditional braille.

By typing out different combinations of the e-braille's six keys, Leo can spell out any word he chooses, and his mum Lauren, from Stormy Down, said: "The new e-braille is making a big difference and Leo really enjoys using it. The keys are softer and don't require as much pressure as those on other braille, so Leo is finding it much faster and easier to use. It's also a lot lighter, and quieter too."

Leo is quickly picking up the language of braille, which was created by Frenchman Louis Braille in the 1820s. Based on an earlier code developed for the military, Braille came up with a tactile code of raised bumps, or dots, that represent the letters of the alphabet.

Nearly 200 years on, braille is used by blind and visually impaired people across the world, but is made much easier thanks to modern technology.

Leo's e-braille has been provided by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), and the council's Leader, Coun



Seven-year-old Trelales pupil Leo Burgess with his state-of-the-art e-braille which has been imported from America.

Huw David said: "It is funded the latest amplification technology Leo is getting on so well with his new e-braille, which is a first for Wales. Technology influences our lives in so many ways, and we are keen to make positive use of it whenever we can so that learning becomes more accessible."

"In addition to providing the e-braille, we have also recently

For further information, contact BCBC's Inclusion Service on 01656 815258.

## ANTI-ABUSE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

OGMORE MP, Chris Elmore, has joined members of the retail union Usdaw to call for an end to abuse in the workplace.

As part of the Freedom From Fear Campaign, which seeks to prevent violence, threats and abuse directed at retail staff, Usdaw members will be highlighting problems faced by staff during Respect for Shopworkers Week, from November 14-20.

Mr Elmore said: "Too often retail employees are confronted with violence, threats and abuse whilst serving the public."

"It is really important we stand together and ask people to keep their cool and respect shopworkers, especially as we approach the busy Christmas shopping period."

"I was personally shocked to hear about the abuse that shopworkers can receive on what can be a daily basis."

"No-one should have to go to work expecting abuse."



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The First Step to a Better Smile

## Fellow cyclists honour Di (78)



Di Donovan, who was the 'star' of a Lancashire charity bike ride.

A 78-year-old woman from Peterston-super-Ely was given a supreme accolade by fellow cyclists when she completed a 170-mile charity bike ride during the summer.

When the ride finished, in Bridlington town centre, all the other cyclists held back – leaving Di to lead the way to the finish line and be greeted with a bottle of champagne!

Although the charity ride route was from Morecambe to Bridlington, with detours through the Pennines, Di was raising money for a cause close to her home in the Vale.

As a result of her efforts, Croes-y-Parc Sunday School in Peterston-super-Ely will be receiving the excellent sum of £1,400!

Report and Photo by IAN DIXON

## Pupils learn on 'Restart a Heart Day'

**PUPILS and staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive School took part in 'Restart a Heart Day' launched in the Welsh Assembly and rolled out across Wales on October 18.**

The school was visited by resuscitation officer, Helen Williams, Dr Craig Williams and a team of First Responders and emergency medical technicians who supervised the training on behalf of the Welsh Ambulance Service.

Throughout the day, the 190 pupils of year-8 were given basic CPR training on manikins, guided by a training DVD provided by the British Heart Foundation. Sixth Formers and staff were also keen to take up the

initiative which, it is hoped, was delivered to 12,000 young people across the country.

Mr Emrys Davies, non-executive director of the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust, came along to see the training being delivered and said: "The aim is that young people will have life-saving skills so that they are ready when, or if, they need to help save a member of the family, a friend, a neighbour or a stranger."

Headteacher, Mr Slade commented: "I am delighted that this valuable opportunity was taken up by so many of our young people and staff. We are very grateful to the team of volunteers who shared their expert knowledge and equipped our students with basic CPR skills."

**Support for Cancer Research**  
ON November 19 an autumn lunch takes place at The Hi Tide, Porthcawl at 12.30pm; tickets £8, choice of menu. Bring your friends and support this wonderful cause.

On December 3, an evening of Christmas songs at All Saints' Church hall at 7pm with The Old Newtonians bellringers. Tickets £6, include wine and mince pie.

On December 4, the annual candlelight service at All Saints' Church at 4pm.

Join Mynydd Cynffig Junior Choir and Sounds Familiar and light a candle for love, hope and peace; dedicate it to loved ones. For tickets, call 01656 784762.



## Friends join Ron in Porthcawl to celebrate his 100th birthday!



ABOVE: Ronald and Sylvia Pike and (below) the couple in days gone by.



ON Sunday, October 23, Mr Ronald Pike celebrated his 100th birthday at RMBI Albert Edward in Porthcawl.

He was joined by friends and neighbours for a Buck's Fizz reception. Colin Williams, pianist, played all Ron's favourite tunes and all the staff sang a rendition of 'Delilah'.

Mr Pike was a psychiatric nurse by profession and has been married to his wife Sylvia for over 70 years. RT

## Porthcawl school goes Pink for cancer charities



Run in the sun.



**Just doing it for charity.**

**STAFF and pupils from St Clare's School, Porthcawl, once again made a tremendous effort to raise money for three cancer charities last week.**

Boys and girls from the nursery, prep school, senior school and sixth form came to school in pink sportswear to fundraise for Macmillan, Cost of Cancer and Race for Life.

Visitors to the school

may have been surprised to see quite so much pink being worn in school but it was all for a good cause! Much of the fundraising was co-ordinated by St Clare's sixth formers.

During the morning, there were very popular cake sales and a staff netball game at lunchtime. Staff and pupils all took part in 1K, 3K and 5K sponsored runs in glorious sunshine during the afternoon.

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION

**BRIDGEND Writers' Circle has announced the launch of their 2017 open short story competition. There is no set theme this year, so the choice of topic is yours.**

Stories must be typed, between 1,500 and 1,800 words, and sent as hard copy. The rules and conditions, and the entry form, can be found online. Simply google Bridgend Writers' Circle. The entry fee is £5, or

£7.50 for two stories. Prizes are: £200, £50, and £30.

The competition is also supported by Chapter Art Centre, Cardiff, who are providing other prizes. Local author Laura Foakes will adjudicate.

Laura's most recent book has been shortlisted for the Richard & Judy 2016 Search for a Bestseller. We wish her good luck!

Janine Enos  
Open Competition  
Coordinator

## Local resident is moved by a stranger's act of kindness

**A Llantwit Major resident, who was recently bereaved, has been deeply moved by an act of kindness from a stranger.**

Helen Forder said it illustrated what made Llantwit so special.

She explained: "Up to and following my recent bereavement I have received the utmost

kindness and compassion from family, neighbours and friends, and I would like to thank them most sincerely.

"However, one act of kindness has completely overwhelmed me.

"I was in a local shop, at the till with my few items, when to my horror I realised I did not have my purse with me.

"Due to my present state of mind I was unable to deal properly with the matter.

"The gentleman behind me, a complete stranger, insisted on paying for my goods; he would not stay with me until I could get my purse from the car, but gave me a hug, said 'My name's Josh', and disappeared to re-join his family."

Helen said as a measure of thanks she was making a donation of her own to a place close to her heart.

She added: "Josh, I hope you see this. You are a true, kind-hearted and sympathetic gentleman and I thank you most sincerely. I will give a donation to the wonderful Ward C at Morriston hospital."

## Town Council pantomime

**ONCE again this Christmas cries of "Oh no it isn't - Oh yes it is!" will be heard again in Llantwit when the ever-popular pantomime Cinderella comes to town.**

Llantwit Major Town Council will sponsor a pantomime for the first time and has engaged a touring panto company to stage Cinderella at the Llantwit Hall for two nights on December 14 and 15.

Tickets are on sale from the Town Hall at £5

for all classes, but under-tens will go free. Numbers are limited to 150 each night.

The town mayor, Sally Hanks, is delighted the Town Council has agreed to stage a pantomime and told THE GEM: "There is nothing quite like a panto at Christmas. It is a good night out for all the family and if it is a success, I would like to see it become an annual event in the town."

"I will certainly be buying a ticket to see if Cinders gets to the ball and marries Prince Charming!"

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**AN autumn fair and tabletop sale takes place on Saturday, October 29, at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall, organised by the Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association.**

It opens at 11am and ends at 3pm; face painting, Christmas handicrafts, ceramics, quilts, preserves, wood crafts and refreshments.

Further details from Mark Steer on 07506 337533 marksteer150@gmail.com.

**Therapist workshop**  
**WORKSHOPS highlighting the varied roles of occupational therapists will take place in Bridgend and Swansea next month, to coincide with Occupational Therapy Week, November 7-13.**

The Bridgend workshop will be held in Princess of Wales Hospital's multi-professional education centre (MPEC) from 9am - 12.30pm.

Anyone over 14 is welcome to attend. To reserve a space, email jane.martin@wales.nhs.uk.

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# CASTLE WEEK AT THE PORTHCAWL MUSEUM COMMEMORATES THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS

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**PORTHCAWL MUSEUM** marked the start of Welsh Museums Festival Week last Saturday with the opening of Castle Week at the museum.

The event commemorated the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, while the new exhibition includes a mock great hall housed in the newly-renovated end room of the museum.

During the day, members of the museum appeared in period costume to welcome visitors, including Madeleine Moon MP. Prizes were awarded to three young people who had entered the museum's Design a Shield competition.



Abigail Tibbs (1st place).



Sophia Keepings (2nd place).



Megan Lewis (3rd place).

## Cefn Cribwr Green Hall to stage the Vicar of Dibley

Some of the cast are pictured at rehearsal.



**THE Vicar Of Dibley** is being performed at Cefn Cribwr Green Hall from November 10-12 in support of Comic Relief Stage Right Productions (Wales).

The Vicar of Dibley came to our television screens in 1994, running for 11 years and airing 26 episodes.

In 2007, Comic Relief screened a VOD special and the relationship between Comic Relief and The Vicar of Dibley was born.

Continuing in this vein, a new local theatre company based in Bridgend are set to perform the stage version of this very funny sit-com.

Stage Right Productions, whose mantra states "supporting charity through the medium of theatre", is delighted to have gained the performing rights for the play.

Written by Ian Gower, the very funny play is based on the first two series of the show covering Geraldine's (Leanne Walker) initial

introduction to the village, through to the wedding of Hugo Horton, (Matthew Rushmere) and Alice Tinker (Charlotte Bruton).

Who can forget Alice's ramblings of "I can't believe it's not butter; Jim's (Rhys Taylor) ...no no no Yes! and Owen Newitt's (Alun Evans) "bowel movements".

The cuddly and lovable David Horton is played by Adrian Thomas, while Letitia Croypley's (Linda Lynham) anchovy and coconut cakes and Frank Pickle's (Matthew Lee) portrayal of Hamlet is sure to bring back some great television memories, and all in the aid of a very worthy cause, Comic Relief.

The production will be performed at the Green Hall Cefn Cribwr from November 10-12, with tickets available from the box office 01656 646 321 or on the door on the night.

For further details, check out [www.stagerightwales.co.uk](http://www.stagerightwales.co.uk) or email [info@stagerightwales.co.uk](mailto:info@stagerightwales.co.uk).



**Fashion show at WI**  
*THE meeting of Pen-y-Fai WI this month had an unusual start - a fashion show featuring six WI models and compered by Jan Ryder.*

Gloria, Jean, Margaret, Jennifer, Pam and Gill were very professional in showing us clothes from day to evening wear. A vote of thanks was given by Adele Hancock to Bon Marché.

The minutes and notices were then read out including forthcoming events. Names were taken for the annual dinner, which will take place on February 13 at Southerndown Golf Club.

Several members had been on the Glamorgan Federation annual holiday to Bournemouth where they had enjoyed good company and unexpected good weather!

The next meeting (scheduled for November 21) will include Christmas crafts presented by members Jean, Verna and Gloria. SD

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## Marie Curie needs collectors

**VOLUNTEERS** are being sought for Marie Curie collection box coordinators in Bridgend to place collection boxes in the community to raise money so the charity can continue caring for people at the end of their lives.

The charity helps people living with any terminal illness and their families make the most of the time they have together.

We have five nurses in Bridgend caring for 110 terminally ill people each

year in their homes, usually overnight. We also offer care for a shorter period of time and we are expanding the services we offer throughout Bridgend.

Looking after the collection tins is a really effective way to help support local Marie Curie nurses.

We've got tins out in shops and pubs but no one to look after them, so they aren't raising as much money as they could - which in turn affects the amount of Marie Curie nursing we can provide.

We're looking for people who can go around sites in their local area once every three months to replace the full tin with an empty one, then count and bank the money raised.

**Hannah Leckie**  
Local community fundraiser.

Contact Hannah Leckie at South West Wales Fundraising, on 01554 759071; or [Hannah.Leckie@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:Hannah.Leckie@mariecurie.org.uk) for more information.

# Local museum gets mobile!



Photos by DAVID SWIDENBANK



**PORHCRAWL MUSEUM** ran its first tour this week with a visit to three local castles. The guided tour visited New Castle Bridgend, Coity Castle and Ogmere Castle and it is hoped this will be the first of many. The museum will also be open 5.30pm-7pm on October 31 to offer some family friendly Halloween fun following last year's success

## MALE VOICE CHOIR WILL BRING FESTIVE FUN TO MAESTEG TOWN



Optical assistant, Mayuri Jeganathan, with Specsavers Christmas choir.

**MAESTEG** residents will be hoping to hit all the right notes in the lead-up to Christmas as the town welcomes a festive male voice choir to its streets.

Performing traditional Welsh hymns and carols, as part of a one-off four-hour concert, the choir will visit Specsavers on Talbot Street to build on the excitement ahead of the biggest holiday of the year.

"All members of the community are asked to get into the festive spirit and enjoy what we hope will be a brilliant performance," says store director, Nick

King. Last year, we brought our first Specsavers-themed choir to Maesteg to coincide with the Rugby World Cup and we were delighted with the buzz it generated, which is why we're so pleased to welcome them back again.

"We've got umbrellas and packs of ponchos at the ready so that, whatever the weather, the choir can be enjoyed by everyone."

Made up of 12 Welsh choristers at every performance, the choirs will sing on weekends in October, November and December at Specsavers stores in Wales to raise money for the children's hospice, Tŷ Hafan.

Specsavers announced its partnership with Tŷ Hafan in September, kicking off the year-long commitment with a generous donation of £10,958, the amount it costs the charity to provide 24 hours of care.

Nick adds: "We hope that the choir's performances in the coming months will not only spread goodwill at a special time of the year, but also inspire people to donate to a wonderful Welsh charity."

Members of the Maesteg community can watch the Specsavers choir between 11am and 3pm on Saturday, November 26.



Suzanne Leonard and Lloyd Griffiths, mental health team; Vaughn Gething and Dr Robert Colgate.

## Health Secretary meets driving force behind mental health service

**DURING** a visit to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Welsh Health Secretary Vaughn Gething heard about developments in the way patients access mental health services.

Mr Gething met with staff from the mental health department including consultant psychiatrist Robert Colgate.

Dr Colgate has been the driving force behind an initiative to improve access to mental health services in Bridgend.

The initiative has already seen a 50 per cent reduction in the number of older patients with mental health conditions being admitted to psychiatric hospital wards. One in five referrals to the crisis and home treatment team have been diverted to an appropriate mental health team for the patient's needs.

Dr Colgate explained: "As the number and types of mental health services increased it became harder for those referring patients to know which service was most appropriate for their patient. This could lead to unintentional delays in treatment."

With his colleagues, Dr Colgate initially championed the single point of access and triage approach in the older people mental health service, with all patient referrals being made directly to a co-ordinator.

The co-ordinator is a qualified member of mental health staff who reviews the referral and gathers all the necessary information before allocating the patient to the most appropriate mental health professional or team for their needs.

Although most mental health services have a form of triage, the approach used by Dr Colgate and his team is slightly different.

Dr Colgate explained: "One aspect of the local service that makes the triage distinctive is our insistence that each referral is processed by a qualified mental health staff member and that this member of staff is not responsible for delivery of that assessment or intervention."

"This ensures that each referral is categorised as accurately as practically possible in terms of mental health risk independent of service demands."

In addition, the co-ordinators use a specialist scale or measuring tool to support their decision making.

Dr Colgate added: "Using a reliable peer reviewed and published triage scale also provides some very welcome protection to mental health staff who are undertaking the referral co-ordination role."

With their skills, knowledge and experience the co-ordinators are also able to prioritise patients according to their mental health needs, so those who urgently need psychiatric help are seen as quickly as possible.

He said: "Working in this way supports prompt and effective intervention before a situation deteriorates so far as to be unsafe, and triage makes this easier by acting as a communication hub joining up concerns or requests for review with the relevant mental health team."

On hearing about the services Health Secretary Vaughn Gething said: "This will help to ensure people with mental health problems are able to obtain the treatment, in the right place at the right time."

"It was good to see first hand improvements in referral pathways being undertaken by Dr Colgate and his team. I'm sure they will make a real difference to people accessing mental health services in Bridgend."

## HALF-TERM IDEAS ON 'PLAY' WEBSITE

**IF** parents are stuck for ideas to keep youngsters entertained this half-term, Bridgend County Borough Council's new 'play' website could hold the answers.

The 'Let's Go Bridgend' website focuses on play and encourages local families to have more quality time together. Find ideas for family days out and activities with a tool to search for things to do inside or outdoors, whatever the weather.

There's also a special features section with advice for parents and

carers, as well as handy tips for playtime at home.

BCBC has developed the website to help fulfil the play sufficiency statutory duty set by Welsh Government. Wales is the first country in the world to place the statutory duty on local authorities to secure sufficient play

opportunities for children and young people up to the age of 17.

As part of its plans to prioritise play, BCBC is also working to develop a play network that can support parents and carers, community groups, schools and other groups to increase local play opportunities.

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## LALESTON GARDENING CLUB

**THIS club, which has approximately 150 members, meets at Cliff Cottage, High Street, Laleston, CF32 0LG, which is a Grade 2 listed building.**

The club has a thriving ladies' section, which meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (November 14 quiz and social evening).

On November 1, there will be a mini auction with Maureen Morgan acting as auctioneer and November 15, Sue from the Porthcawl café, will be demonstrating crafty little creations.

The AGM was held on October 14 when it was with great regret that the club accepted the resignation of chairman, Glan Hathaway, due to ill health.

Glan is a founder member of the club and has been chairman since 1994. Members are grateful for his 46 years of devoted service and hard work. Glan will remain a member of the club and will attend events whenever his health permits.

Former treasurer and vice-chairman David Oats, was elected as chairman. David has been a member of the club for some 15 years. Sue Ford, who is the chair for the ladies section, was elected as vice-chairman.

All other officers were re-elected to their held positions.

**MYNYDD CYNFFIG WI** THE BRANCH meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Talbot Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6ED.

On October 11, the meeting was chaired by the vice-president; minutes and correspondence were read out by Enid Rymer, secretary, to a good turnout of members.

Women's Institute business was discussed, along with members' efforts to hold a 'bring and buy' sale to raise funds for the Denman Appeal in November.

Attention then turned to the Christmas party, when it was decided to have a 'Posh' party with entertainment, posh frocks and goodies to eat!

The speaker for the afternoon was Ann Cullen who demonstrated how to make a rug.

The speaker for November is John Hanson and his topic, 'Tools for Africa', should be interesting. The meeting finished with tea and biscuits. New members are welcome to pop in one month to meet us.

**CHOIR DATES** OGMORE Valley male voice choir is heavily involved with the local community, it owns its own rehearsal/concert hall, a Grade 2 listed building which was built in 1874, the 'Canolfan Bethlehem'.

On November 3, it will be leading the singing at the wedding of Lesley in Buckland Hall, Bwlch, and on November 8 it will be entertaining the elderly in Llantwit Major Pensioners' Club, Llantwit Hall.

The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and welcomes new members and guests.

**GREEN HUT** THE Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (Green Hut) is located on Cefn Road, CF32 0AW where on November 4 starting at 7.30pm there is a concert being held to raise funds for Y Bont, the disabled children's charity.

Featuring in the show will be the Pencoe Silver Band, Marcus Bridgeman and friends, Dennis Lang the Welsh Comedian and the Garage Gospel Choir. Tickets £5; for information telephone J Goudge (01656 740026).

**HALLOWE'EN PARTY** A HALLOWE'EN party is being held at the Green Hut, Cefn Cribwr next Sunday, October 30 from 5pm-7pm; free admission.

Prizes will be given for the most interesting carved pumpkin and the

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

*A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:*

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## MINERS' GIFT TO MAESTEG

**WHEN The First World War was raging in 1914, it was decided that more medical facilities were required for the Llynfi Valley.**

At that time there were many thousands of miners working in the valley, and they very generously decided to donate a few pennies per week out of their wages, and this enabled the hospital to be built.

It was founded in 1914 and completed in 1916, but the miners continued to contribute to the fund long after the war had ended.

Up until now, there has been nothing to remind the people of the valley about the miners' gift to the town; but now, the Maesteg Hospital League of Friends has commissioned a unique plaque to commemorate the miners' contribution to the building of the hospital, and this will be unveiled in Maesteg Market Square on Saturday, October 29, at 11am.

They are hoping that as many ex-miners as possible will attend and march into the square with the colliery banners. Miners will meet in the Central Church (opposite the bus station) at 10.15am.

There will be a programme of entertainment prior to the unveiling. Maesteg Children's Choir will perform on stage, together with Curtain-Up Youth Theatre. Cor Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch (Maesteg and District male choir) will also be there to sing some rousing songs, and a poem has been specially written for the

occasion.

If you or your family were involved in the mining industry, or you have some connection with the hospital, please come along and take part in the event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CHARITY CONCERT** BOIS Goetre-Hen Male Choir is performing in a charity concert to help raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK at St John the Divine parish church, Aberkenfig on Friday, November 25 at 7pm.

There is also a guest choir, Meibion Goronwy from Benllech, on the Isle of Anglesey.

Tickets are £5 from secretary Richard Howells at e-mail boisogetrehen@gmail.co.uk or telephone 01656 737923.

**ABERKENFIG WI branch** THE Aberkenfig & District WI president Eunice Williams welcomed members to the meeting on October 12.

'Happy Birthday' was sung to Joanne Davies and Peggy Jones (who celebrated her 90th birthday earlier in the month).

The road train trip in Cardiff Bay was a lovely day out for 16 members and the annual retail therapy trip to Marks & Spencer, will take place on November 16. The bus will leave the Bible Church in Aberkenfig at 10am.

Eunice had received a letter from Jeff Jones from the Wesley Centre in Tondy, thanking members for sending their work to the craft exhibition at the recent Open Doors weekend.

The raffle was won by Dorothy Thomas and Ethel Rudge; the winner of the competition for a rose was Irene Burgess.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with planning the programme for next year. Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig.

Visitors and new members are very welcome. There is always a speaker and a chance to make new friends and revive old friendships.

The next meeting will be on November 9 when the guests for the afternoon will be the

personal cheque and a voucher for £400 to further music education within his/her school, along with a personal trophy.

The runners-up in each category will receive a personal prize of £50 and a voucher for £50 to further music education within his/her school, along with a personal trophy.

For an application form, contact choir secretary John Wines on 01656 739365.

**TONDU PRIMARY SCHOOL** HEADTEACHER Susan Pilsher would

like to remind readers that the school is once again organising Operation Christmas Child.

The school is collecting shoe boxes filled with required presents for children in other countries who do not receive gifts.

Please send in your shoe boxes by November 2, so that they can be sent off in time for Christmas.

Helping Hands is held every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.30am at Heol Persondy.

This is an informal group meeting and an ideal opportunity for new parents, relatives

and carers to get to know other parents whilst helping to prepare resources for the children.

If you or your family would like to join helping hands in Heol Persondy, the school would appreciate the support.

**NOTEWORTHY mixed voice choir holds a coffee morning and craft fayre at Maesteg town hall on November 12, from 10am-1pm.** There will be live entertainment, Christmas gifts, cakes and other goodies for sale; entry is £3.

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"Nevertheless, the outcome of this court case sends a clear message that firm action will be taken wherever necessary to safeguard the public."

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## Town twinning association honours school's best linguist

AT this year's St Clare's School annual prize day, held in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, the Porthcawl San Sébastien Town Twinning Association (PSSTA) again took the opportunity to present the Rosemary Deere Shield and a PSSTA cheque to the best linguist at St Clare's School.

Mrs Mary Emmett-Lewis, vice chairman of the Porthcawl Town Twinning Association, gave a summary of the background and history of the association.

She said that San Sébastien-sur-Loire and Porthcawl signed a town twinning charter on March 21, 1999. Similar in size to Porthcawl, San Sébastien is the third largest suburb of the city of Nantes on France's north west Atlantic coastline.

Since signing the charter, members of the two associations have visited each other every other year. During the year, the association holds various fundraising events with French themed presentations,

music, film shows, quizzes and social evenings.

In August 2014, a group from Porthcawl celebrated the 15th anniversary of the founding of the PSSTA, in San Sébastien sur Loire. It was a great success and a good time was had by all. They are planning to repeat such an event when their French counterparts will visit Porthcawl in 2019 for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the PSSTA.

She added: "New members and ideas are always welcome. Please visit our website at [Porthcawl-town-twinning.com](http://Porthcawl-town-twinning.com) for more information."

Mrs Emmett-Lewis then went on to present the Rosemary Deere Shield and PSSTA cheque to the best linguist at St Clare's School.

This year's award went again to Olivia Thomas, St Clare's Language Student of the Year. Unfortunately, Olivia could not be present to receive the award as she is attending the University of Bath, where she is studying international management and Spanish.

However, Olivia has two siblings also

studying at St Clare's and her sister Imogen was presented with the award on her behalf.

The annual prize day, was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Coun Robert and Mrs Ann Lee, and it opened with the school choir giving an outstanding rendering from *The Lion King*, a performance which they had successfully given earlier this year.

Headteacher Simon Antwis gave a glowing report on the performance of the students throughout the past year, saying how proud he was of everyone's achievements.

The individual prize certificates were presented to the students by the guest of honour, Sophia Dower, herself an ex-student of St Clare's. Sophia was an outstanding student throughout her time at St Clare's. She was head girl and achieved straight A grades at A-Level and studied English, French, Spanish and business studies. Sophia went on to gain a degree in law and Hispanic law from UCL.

She sat her Bar examinations at BPP Law School in London, being called to the Bar by The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. In October of this year, she will be joining 3 Temple Gardens Chambers, specialising in Criminal Law.

Altogether some 75 pupils received certificates from Sophia.

At the prize day, there was also a static display by pupils of the Faculty of the Arts and Performing Arts. This display had been set up by Miss Laura Evans, together with Mrs Louise Williams. Students exhibiting were Dylan Burberry-Casey, Carla Prinsloo, Carys Lock, and Josh Williams.



Report and photos by Keith E Morgan.

Mrs Emmett-Lewis presenting Rosemary Deere Shield and PSSTA cheque to Imogen Thomas.



Helen Hier, deputy headteacher; the Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Coun Robert and Mrs Ann Lee; Mrs Mary Emmett-Lewis; and Simon Antwis, headteacher.

## Parents reach new heights for charity

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Ceris continued: "This was our first fundraising event for the group and I want to thank everyone who has given so generously. The climb was a brilliant experience, though our next challenge might be slightly less strenuous."

The families who attend the group all have experience of Type 1 diabetes which is a serious condition that affects the body's ability to produce insulin that is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. While no one knows what causes Type 1 diabetes, it is not to do with being overweight and it isn't currently preventable.

Nicola Oates (43) from Pen-y-Fai,

said: "I decided to take part because after my daughter Alys' diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes a year ago, the group has been brilliant. I honestly don't know how I would have coped without their support and so this was a way that I could give something back."

The group's next fundraising event will be a Christmas fayre and raffle at midday on Sunday, November 27 at St Mary's Church Hall, Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

For more information, contact Paula Jarett on 07561 123942, or join Type-1-derful Facebook group; or Diabetes UK Cymru's website [diabetes.org.uk](http://diabetes.org.uk) (call 0345 123 2399).

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## Sker WI has a taste of catwalk glamour...

THE glamour of the catwalk came to Nottage Village on Monday, October 24, when Sker WI hosted a fashion show in aid of the Save Denman Appeal.

Sker WI members and visitors enjoyed outerwear, evening wear and nightwear from Bon March, Port Talbot Branch. Sker WI members modelled the collection and quickly perfected the art of the quick change!

Proceeds from ticket sales and a raffle raised £250, which was greatly appreciated by the Glamorgan Federation Denman representative who congratulated members on an enjoyable evening.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at St David's Church Hall (7pm). Visitors are always welcome, so please come along and say hello!

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# £100,000 gift transforms the day therapy unit at the Marie Curie hospice



Day Therapy team members Sam Clements, Jan Palmer, Maggie Whitfield and Donna Lee, interim nurse manager for the Day Therapy Service. Photo by PATRICK OLNER.

A GENEROUS gift donated to a Penarth hospice has seen a day therapy unit transformed into a bright and airy space for patients and their families, with more room for clinical and complementary therapy services.

The Marie Curie – Cardiff and the Vale Hospice's new Outpatients and Day Therapy Service was officially opened by the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Vaughan Gething, following a £100,000 donation from the Hodge Foundation.

The gift has allowed the unit to be completely refurbished. Opening the unit, Mr Gething welcomed the services that would be on offer, both for Marie Curie patients and other organisations. He said: "Providing clinical services at the unit means patients and their families can return home after treatment, preventing unnecessary hospital admissions."

"I'm delighted to open the unit; this gift from the Hodge Foundation has helped create a brighter space for people living with terminal illness."

Donna Lee, interim nurse manager for the Outpatients and Day Therapy Service, said: "The transformation is amazing."

"Our aim is to provide a range of services to advise, support and care for patients and their families, these include complementary therapies, group sessions and outpatient appointments."

Bryn Ruston has used the hospice for complementary services. The 50-year-old, originally from Barry but now living in Cardiff, was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour nine years ago.

"I feel that there are so many people in my position who can benefit from this service," he said. "I really enjoyed the foot rubs (reflexology) and I've met so many people here, it's been great."

The Hodge Foundation wanted to support the vital work carried out by the Marie Curie Hospice – Cardiff and the Vale, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support to those with terminal illness.

Karen Hodge, trustee, said: "The trustees of the foundation wanted to ensure the hospice has the best facilities and environment to carry on its work. The transformation of the day unit is overwhelming."

Hospice manager, Paula Elson, thanked the Hodge Foundation for its donation, and said the funding had helped make the hospice team's dream a reality.

## Competition for Barry Air Cadets

Going for gold.



RECENTLY Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron took part in the No.1 Welsh Wing Training Day at MoD St Athan.

The training day comprised a series of military skills competitions for Air Cadets in South Wales and was attended by nearly 200 cadets.

The competitions and activities included: drill, band, archery, sports challenge, aviation visits, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) workshops, first aid, aircraft recognition, field cooking, the flight simulator and team building exercises with the RAF careers.

Cdt Cpl Jenna Day said afterwards: "It was an amazing and challenging day. I really enjoyed the archery."

The cadets are now preparing themselves for a busy and challenging couple of months including, flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, adventurous training exercises and overseas visits.

372 Squadron, welcomes all young men and women between 12 (in school year-8) and 17 years old to join. The Squadron parade at 5th Barry Scouts on Everard Street, Barry on Monday evening (7.30pm-9.30pm) and Wednesday (7pm-9.30pm).

You can also contact the Squadron on 07486 501864, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information about becoming an Air Cadet. JH

## Railway walk is targeted for clean-up

LOCAL volunteers have vowed to help clean up Penarth's popular Railway Walk in a 'morning of action' next month.

Led by the newly-created Railway Walk Group, assisted by Coun Anthony Ernest, the Action Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, starting at 10.30am-lunchtime.

Said Coun Ernest: "A couple of us, including local residents Sarah and Gary, met a while back and decided to get on and do a piece of work cleaning up this incredibly popular walkway, which stretches from the top of Plymouth Road as far as Cosmeston Drive."

"We felt that autumn was an appropriate time

to carry out at least part of this work, depending on how many volunteers wish to join us."

"There are a lot of fallen twigs and branches, the historic remnants of this once-proud railway track also need uncovering, and a general clear-up can only be a good thing for the local community, and the incredible wildlife and fauna which survive there."

He said they had the support of the Vale Council as owners of the land, and the group has vowed "to help keep the path in as good an order as reasonably practical".

Volunteers, who will be provided with appropriate equipment on the day, should meet at 10.30am on Saturday, November 19 at the Sully Terrace/Archer Road junction of the walkway.

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## Howells' pupils raise funds for Penarth hospice

PUPILS at a Cardiff school who are raising money to 'Pay for a Day' at the Marie Curie – Cardiff and Vale Hospice in Penarth have put their baking skills to the test.

Howell's School hosts a baking competition every year during October, with students competing across all year groups, baking at home and bringing the treats in for judging.

This year, the school is supporting the Marie Curie Pay for a Day campaign and are aiming to raise £6,660 to help pay for the running of the charity's Penarth hospice, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support.



Rhianon Hedge (Mind), Nigel Adams and Laura Thomas (Ty Hafan).

## Sully Painting Group hands out cheques to local charities

AT its recent AGM, members of Sully Painting Group were given a report on their successful summer exhibition in June, which sold a record number of paintings.

From the proceeds of the exhibition, cheques for £600 were given to both Ty Hafan hospice and Mind to support their work. The cheques were presented by Nigel Adams, chairman of Sully Painting Group, to Laura Thomas from Ty Hafan and Rhianon

Hedge from Mind. Nigel Adams thanked the members of the group for all their hard work in ensuring a successful exhibition.

Sully Painting Group meets every Tuesday at 1.30pm and 7pm at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully.

It is a group with beginners through to more expert painters and new members are always welcome.

For more information call Nigel Adams on 029 2051 2308 or Roy Green on 029 2053 1262.

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## Early boost for Poppy Appeal



ON Monday, 24 October, 24 members of the Royal British Legion Barry were delighted to formally thank Rhose Post Office staff and customers for an outstanding contribution to the Poppy Appeal.

The year-round collecting boxes have raised £842,46... a fantastic amount which will go a long way towards helping support the work of the Legion.

The presentation, attended by Coun Jeff James, was made just days before the start of the 2016 appeal.

Coun James commented that this was a fabulous example of the community spirit in the village.

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In addition there will be a public consultation event held at The Gathering Place, Flemingston Road, St Athan CF62 4JH on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 from 3pm until 7pm and members of the project team will be available to answer any questions about the proposals.

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## Syrian student is 'grateful for warm Welsh welcome'

ON October 18, two students from UWC Atlantic College were invited to a debate in the Pierhead building in Cardiff Bay, which was aired simultaneously on the BBC World Service and BBC Radio Wales.

Carl Sargeant AM, and Andrew RT Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives were on the panel, which discussed whether Wales has a moral obligation to help Syrian refugees.

Nazem Aldroubi, a Syrian student, and Mariasofia from Italy took part in the live debate, and questioned the MPs on the current systems in place, and

asked if more could be done to help.

Nazem was also given the opportunity to give a separate interview about his experiences in Syria, how he gained the scholarship that brought him to the college, and how grateful he was to receive a warm welcome from Welsh people.

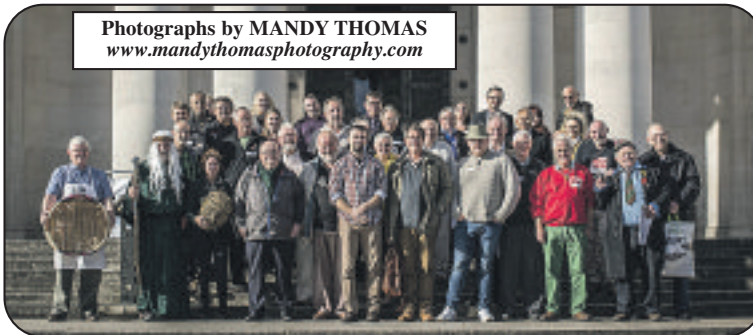
He said: "I had to move from my home town because my house was levelled. I had to witness a lot of deaths - including my friends - something that is not ok for an 18-year-old to see."

"I am really grateful to this country and I feel a lot of responsibility to work hard, and appreciation to you for accepting me."

## BRIDGEND MEN'S GROUP SHINES AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES



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ABOVE: A scary creation, made with halloween in mind.

BELOW: Returning to the days of 'gambo making'.



THE Bridgend 'Men's Sheds' groups took wins for their craft and photography category entries at Wales' first ever 'EiShedFod' on Monday, October 17.

Men's Sheds Cymru and Age Cymru's Gwanwyn arts festival for over-50s organised the EiShedFod at Cardiff's National Museum of Wales.

The national event was a celebration of the creativity of men who are members of the Men's Sheds network across Wales.

Alan of The Squirrels Nest Mens' Shed in Tondy, said: "We were so pleased to have won best entry for 'something made from recycled materials' category at

'EiShedFod'. The heart chair was made by Elwyn from offcuts we get from a local timber mill.

"It was a fantastic day. It was great meeting other shed members from all over Wales. It's good to know that there are now many more sheds in Wales where people like me and my friends can go. It really does make a difference knowing there is a place where you can go, do something if you feel like and meet with friends.

Mike, from the Maesteg Mens' Shed, which is also known as 'Shed Quarters', accepted the prize for best photograph entered into the photography category of EiShedFod.

The theme for the photographs was 'what goes on at the shed'.

Men's Sheds Cymru provides friendship and support for men who may have had mental health problems. Its network of 'sheds' across Wales give its members, who may otherwise spend the day alone, somewhere to go for company and support.

The sheds also provide an opportunity for members to take part in hobbies and interests,

such as woodworking and other crafts.

"Congratulations to everyone that took part in EiShedFod. It was fantastic to see so many of our members thoroughly enjoying themselves at Wales' first ever EiShedFod," said Robert V of the Squirrel's Nest Mens' Shed in Bridgend and co-organiser of the EiShedFod.

"Men's Sheds Cymru is a safe and nurturing environment where men, who have time on their hands for whichever reason, can go to work on projects and activities which interest them.

"Being able to work with Age Cymru's Gwanwyn arts festival to stage this event and give our members an opportunity to show off their talents was fantastic and I hope we can do it again soon."

Age Cymru's Gwanwyn arts festival was 10 years old this year. Over the last decade, it has worked with a range of artists and individuals from across Wales and further afield.

Age Cymru's Gwanwyn Festival is funded by Welsh Government and Arts Council of Wales.

### PACT meetings

MAESTEG EAST/WEST PACT, Monday, November 7 at Cwm Calon Day Centre at 6pm.

ABERKENFIG/PENYFAI PACT, Monday, November 7, at Smyrna Chapel at 7pm.

SARN/BRYNCOCH PACT, Monday, November 7, at Sarn Life Centre at 7pm.

NANTYMOEL/OGMORE VALE PACT, Wednesday, November 9, at Dinam Close Sheltered Accommodation at 7pm.

BETTWS PACT, Thursday, November 10, at Bettws Life Centre at 2pm.

BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT, Tuesday, November 15, at Blaengarw RFC (The Halfway) at 6pm.

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The Magnificent Seven (12A) Wednesday, November 2 @ 12pm - 12.25pm; 'meet and greet', film screening from 12.30pm.

Tickets for all Cine-Venture screenings are £5, which includes a drink and popcorn available from the Memo's box office on 01446 738622, or online: [www.memoartscentre.co.uk](http://www.memoartscentre.co.uk).

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## Spooky fun for the RNLI

**ON Friday (October 28), Penarth's Cogan Coronation Club will be the venue for a 'fun'draising Hallowe'en event, with all proceeds going to support Penarth RNLI's fundraising appeal for a new boat, and the NSPCC.**

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"Our very own Deloris Van Cartier will be making a spellbinding appearance with her new Hallowe'en number - not to be missed. "Joining in the fun by dressing in gruesome Hallowe'en attire is optional, but welcomed." Doors open at 7.30pm, and tickets are £5 each, payable on the door.

## What's on, where, and when in your area...

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### Children's Society fair

**THE autumn fair in aid of The Children's Society takes place in The Paget Rooms, Penarth this Saturday, October 29 at 10am - 12 noon.**

Many stalls - homemade cakes, preserves, plants/bulbs, books, and a stall with Christmas gifts; mystery parcels and a raffle.

Artist Diana Mead will be there with her paintings, calendars etc.

Admission £1 including coffee/tea.

For further information, call Ann Lush (02920 703547) or email [ann@lush.eu.com](mailto:ann@lush.eu.com).

### Bingo in Rhosee this Saturday

**THE committee of Rhosee Community Hall is holding a bingo afternoon to raise funds for the hall.**

It will take place (on Stewart Road) on October 29; doors open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start.

Refreshments served at halftime, also the usual raffle.

Come and join in an enjoyable afternoon!

### Flowers demo

**THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers' Club meets on Wednesday, November 2 for a Christmas demonstration entitled 'Glad Tidings', by national demonstrator Katherine Lee.**

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the upper hall of t Visitors welcome, £7 includes seasonal drink and mince pie. Doors open at

6.45pm.

### Cowbridge Art Society

**THE next meeting of the society will be on Thursday, November 3, when Barry artist Carl Chappel will give a demonstration of painting a portrait or figure in oils.**

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm - 9 pm.) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome.

### Autumn lunches

**THE soup ladies of All Saints' Church, Barry are inviting you to their autumn lunches on November 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the church hall from 12pm - 1.30 pm.**

Lunches are £5 and will include soup, pudding, tea/coffee and free raffle. All proceeds in aid of the All Saints' Church roof restoration project.

### Legion AGM

**THE Royal British Legion Barry branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, November 14 at the Barry Town Council Chambers, Gladstone Road, Barry.**

This will be followed by a short branch meeting.



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Pendragon Fireworks, based in Wales, promise that this year's display will be equally as good, if not better, than the last.

Come along and enjoy yourselves in what promises to be a wonderful evening of fun, fireworks and music. The fireworks will start at 7.45pm, but to avoid the last-minute rush, we suggest arriving from 6pm.

You will be able to enjoy the delights supplied by the Island traders and the funfair before and after the main event. Pay and display parking is available in the Harbour Road and Nell's Point car parks. Please note that new pay and display charges will now apply - under one

hour, 50p; over one hour £2.50 and disabled badges are free.

We ask everyone attending to donate money into collecting buckets carried by Rotarians, Cadets and Scouts wearing the yellow tabards of our Rotary Club, so as to assist the future funding of this event.

If everyone gave at least £1, we would ensure the continuation of the event, and help deserving causes so much more.

Over the years, this has been a very popular event and traffic delays are to be expected, so where possible, please car share and consider these alternative forms of transport.

Barry Docks Station/Barry Station: park at either side and take the regular Arriva train service to Barry Island. For times, visit [www.arrivatrain-swales.co.uk](http://www.arrivatrain-swales.co.uk) or ring 08457 48 49 50.

Hood Road train service: the Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a park and ride service from Hood Road

Station, Waterfront, to Barry Island Station from 6pm to 9pm.

The following road closures will be in place on the night: Paget Road closed from 5.30pm-9.30pm; Station Approach Road closed from 6.30pm to 9.30pm; Friars Road, between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road closed from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

Follow @visitthevale/FB visitthevale and @VOGCouncil/Vale of Glamorgan Life for all event information.

Our club apologises to the Island residents for any inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5.30pm-9.30pm) and they are advised to use Plymouth Road for access during these times.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 5.

Carl Kerr,  
Chairman Firework Committee,  
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### BARRY ISLAND - FIREWORKS

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedules hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedules will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in Column 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services and Coastguard vehicles between the hours specified in column 3. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

#### Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 5th November 2016	<b>Paget Road</b> between Harbour Road and its cul-de-sac end near the life-guard station including the un-named section of road to the side of No19 Paget Road (excluding the lane). <b>Station Approach Road</b> throughout the length, including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner. <b>Breaksea Drive</b> from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road. <b>Friars Road</b> , between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road	5.30pm-9.30pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place.  
Access for Pedestrians shall be maintained.

Dated this 27th day of October 2016

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing,  
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## Parking plan for Barry

**WORK has begun to provide more parking spaces and improve safety in a busy Barry shopping area.**

A total of 36 new car parking bays will be created around High Street in the town, with new road crossings built for pedestrians.

The first stage of the work is under way, and the aim is for it to be completed before the Christmas lights are switched on in late November.

It will affect York Place, High Street and Queen Street.

Then phase two will take place between January and April, along Broad Street and Broad Street Parade.

Ten of the extra parking spaces will be created on Broad Street, seven in the form of bays

outside the former RAOB club, and across the road, three bays will be built outside The Sir Samuel Romilly pub.

A further 26 spaces will then be created across York Place, High Street and Queen Street.

As part of the work, new safer crossings are being built which increase traffic visibility for pedestrians. A Vale Council spokesman said that they will also be more convenient for those on mobility scooters and the visually impaired.

He added that meetings have been held with traders in the area to keep them informed of the works, while residents have received letters about the project.

Businesses and residents on Broad Street/Broad Street Parade will be posted information about phase two of the plan towards

the end of the month. As well as providing a general update, the letter will contain times and dates when appointments with officers can be booked to discuss any concerns people may have about the work.

Coun Peter Turner, cabinet member for building services, highways and transportation, said: "The work being done around High Street should be hugely beneficial for motorists and pedestrians alike."

"Not only will there be more car parking provision in what is a busy shopping area, but new crossing points will ensure pedestrians are safer."

"They will also be more convenient for those on mobility scooters and the visually impaired."

## Tom Cruise-s in formulaic but fun Reacher sequel



by  
**GARETH JAMIESON**  
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**WHEN it was announced, way back in 2012, that Tom Cruise (all 5ft 7ins of him) was to bring Lee Child's 6ft 5ins Jack Reacher character to the big screen, it was met with howls of derision from fans of Child's books as well as film fans who couldn't see Cruise bringing the character to life.**

If that year's *Jack Reacher* was a lukewarm success, it didn't damage the prospects of another Reacher outing, which finally hits screens with the subtitle *Never Go Back*.

Based on the book of the same name, Reacher returns to his army roots to meet Major Susan Turner (Cobie Smulders) whom he has recently assisted on a case.

When he learns that Turner has been arrested on charges of espionage, and then he himself stands accused of murder, Reacher smells a cover-up and breaks himself and Turner out of jail in order to find out what is going on.

Their task is made more difficult by a killer on the pair's tail (played by Patrick Heusinger) and a girl, Samantha (Danika Yarosh) who may or may not be Reacher's daughter, who becomes embroiled in their plans...

The 'brand' of Tom Cruise has spent the last decade firmly establishing what you should expect from a film starring the star. While there have been some deviations from the formula, whether it's playing for laughs under prosthetics in *Tropic Thunder*, or playing a grey-haired contract killer in *Collateral*, the majority of Cruise's output has seen the actor deliver solid action blockbusters that haven't really stretched the acting muscles but have provided much entertainment.

2012's *Jack Reacher*, while an adaptation of Lee Child's character, was also very much an exercise in mining Cruise's particular set of skills for maximum effect, and while not a great success was, in the eyes of this critic, a reasonably enjoyable plot-driven action film.

The same can be said of *Never Go Back*, a film that tries to mine deeper depths than the first Reacher outing and while not wholly convincing, still makes for a slick thriller that will satisfy but won't linger too long afterwards.

It's a dependable piece of filmmaking, a Tom Cruise production we are informed over the opening sequence, and one that delivers and provides all you would expect both from star and genre.

The plot is a classic one, innocent-presumed-guilty go on the run to clear their names, no end of car chases and foot races as they escape to fight on another day, yet with the addition of Yarosh's Samantha it sometimes slips

gears into a film about how this thrown-together, dysfunctional family co-exist in order to see justice done.

The film pivots around these three roles and why there's nothing mind-blowing on show, the turns sit perfectly well within the confines of the film. Cruise can't help but inject his own brand of movie star charisma into proceedings, but with the plot developments of his relationship both with Samantha and Cobie Smulders' Susan, there's a little bit more depth on top of the usual physical exertions.

Meanwhile, Smulders is decent and makes for a more compelling foil than just being a damsel in distress, and Yarosh's Samantha is a welcome sparker in their plans, offering a sparky performance that has chemistry with Cruise.

The villains of the piece are nondescript at best, Robert Knepper's shadowy general barely even registering while Patrick Heusinger's The Hunter is intriguing in name only, playing the slightly clichéd role of lethal killer but one whose keen abilities seem to falter whenever he comes into contact with the film's hero.

Edward Zwick steps into the director's chair, replacing Christoper McQuarrie, and brings his innate ability to marry action and story and does a decent fist of it. Zwick's recent output has been hit-and-miss, and while there's nothing here that suggests he is anywhere near returning to his best form, he puts a high-quality sheen to proceedings here, with engaging set-pieces working just as well as the more measured familial issues that the films hangs on.

It may seem an awkward mix, and sometimes it does feel a little like it, as for a film based around action and thrilling plot, the is-she-isn't-she? status of Samantha (and the chemistry between Reacher and Susan) takes up much of the thrust of the film's story, but its familial plot machinations elsewhere mean that this gives the film a slightly different dynamic.

It's not a film that is likely to hang round in your head any longer than it has to, and is unlikely to trouble anybody's end-of-year lists, but for disposable and dependable fun, *Jack Reacher – Never Go Back* delivers. It's formulaic in the extreme, and another entry in the Tom Cruise gallery of action films, but is inoffensively satisfying.

**VERDICT** – Dependable and nothing special, *Jack Reacher – Never Go Back* is a slice of formulaic fun; there's nothing to surprise, nothing to take it to a level of greatness, but it offers up formulaic fun as a typical Tom Cruise action film. While it is unlikely to linger, there's not too much wrong with that. *Enjoyable.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Jack Reacher* (2012), *Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol* (2015).

## Music and poetry evening celebrates Poppy Appeal

**THE Royal British Legion, Barry Poppy Appeal hosted an evening of poetry and music – to celebrate the dedication of both young and old in raising money for the annual Poppy Appeal.**

In a packed St Mary's Church, and in front of guests including the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Mrs Morfudd Meredith, Deputy Lieutenant Colin Jones described the dedication and commitment of the volunteers.

Among them was 90-

year-old Stan Smith, a World War Two veteran who has collected for the appeal for 25 years and will be at his post again this year in Asda.

Special mention was made of 372 Barry Air Training Corps, whose cadets have sold poppies for many years, and 11th Barry Sea Scouts who joined the efforts two years ago.

A light of remembrance, passed from veterans to the Sea Scouts last year, was passed on to the Air Cadets and it will again form part of the town's Remembrance parade on Sunday, November 13.

Other awards were

made to Keith and Gloria Harris, Berry Williams, and Tommy and Joan Lake.

The collection made after the service was donated to the church in recognition of the consistent support it gives to the appeal, with special mention, of course, of Father Ben Andrews.

This year, the Poppy Appeal starts on October 29. Further details on our Facebook Page 'Poppy Appeal, Barry, South Wales'; or call Roy or Teresa on 01446 751656 or 07776 111385.

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# It's My Shout honours actor Michael Sheen

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE annual 'It's My Shout' Premiere and Awards Ceremony – this year at the Wales Millennium Centre (WMC) on Friday, November 18, will honour Port Talbot's Michael Sheen.

Every year, the 'It's My Shout' (IMS) film/television training scheme spends the summer months shooting a series of short films, which are shown on BBC Wales and S4C. This year, nine films have been completed.

The films are showcased at the WMC, and this year, Michael Sheen will be given the 'Inspiration Award'.

Michael said: "I am delighted to have been honoured with the Inspiration Award this year from Its My Shout."

"I've been a supporter of their work for over 10 years and accepting this award takes me back to the early days of the awards, back in the Odeon in Bridgend."

"Since then It's My Shout have gone on to work with over 600



Members of the It's My Shout team meet up with Michael Sheen. (Left to right): Ellis Watts; Annie Davies; Becky Davies; Michael Sheen, Roger Burnell and Naïomi Roberts. (Photo by Mei Lewis).

trainees a year and over 2,000 people working in the creative industries have worked as trainees through this fantastic organisation.

"I strongly believe Wales needs to invest in young people and their right to education, learning and employment in the creative industries."

"The sector needs to do more in opening the door to young people of all backgrounds, building their confidence and skills, exciting them about opportunities here in Wales and It's My Shout is doing just that. For that reason I am thrilled to be honoured and to continue to support their great work"

The showcase evening will also feature an awards ceremony, with awards handed out to the

best trainees and best young actors, as well as special awards for the 'Best Film' and the 'People's Choice'.

This year over 700 young people from across Wales took part in the scheme at various stages of production. The training scheme covers all areas of film-making.

Trainees from this year's scheme have already gone on to professional positions in the industry.

Alongside the films, 35 documentary makers have made seven documentaries to accompany each of the films broadcast on BBC Cymru Wales, centred on the films content, themes, area and participants.

The scheme has its roots in Bridgend where

it began as a way of engaging a small group of excluded young people, providing them with a creative outlet.

It was founded in 2003 by Roger Burnell, who has helped shape the early careers of some of our leading acting, writing and directing talent, including Ruth Jones, Rob Brydon and Aneurin Barnard.

Roger said: "Having a passion for unearthing and nurturing talent throughout my career, sometimes from unlikely backgrounds, makes it extremely rewarding to see so many people respond so positively."

"This is an industry that potentially has such an important place in the growth of our nation; Wales punches above its weight, and we need to

continue to develop talents, some of which are still lying dormant and subdued within our communities."

Since it began, 'It's My Shout' has gone from strength to strength. Many films from previous years for BBC Wales communities have been screened all over the world; 'Walk or Fly', made in Pontypridd was selected for the Berlin Film Festival, and was shown on Russian State Television, reaching over 20 million people and has recently been sold to two international countries for education purposes.

The films this year were produced in collaboration with BBC Cymru Wales, and two Welsh language films in association with S4C. Other key partners are Arts Council of Wales, Sony UK, Welsh Government, universities, colleges and many local authorities.

Hundreds of industry mentors, celebrities and supporters of the scheme will come along to enjoy the premiere event alongside the trainees.

These include, Downton Abbey actor Tom Cullen, Oscar-nominated director Twin Towns, Kevin Allen and Hollywood actor, Craig Roberts.

'It's My Shout' talented individuals and groups from all over Wales will perform at a pre-show event from 5.30pm before the films are screened at 7.15pm in The Donald Gordon Theatre, WMC.

This year's films are entitled:

- Tuesday at Jackie's filmed in BBC Roath Lock Studios and on location in Caerphilly.
- Tin Dancing Shoes and Mirain A'r Mor filmed in Carmarthenshire.
- Penelope and Atal filmed in Bangor and Caernarfon, North Wales.
- Francois filmed in Bridgend CBC and Cardiff City Centre.
- Ludo filmed in RCT CBC.
- 12 Labours of Gryff filmed in Torfaen CBC.
- Leonard's Neighbours filmed in Merthyr Tydfil.

To buy tickets for the event, visit the WMC website [www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk) or call the box office on 02920 636464.

## Dad and sons raise £1,500 for pancreatic cancer research



Simon Farrington (centre) with Joshua (left) and Jack at the end of the half marathon.

A LLANBLETHIAN father and two sons finished the Royal Parks half marathon hand in hand – as they raised more than £1,500 for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Simon Farrington and sons Joshua, 29, and Jack, 26, both former Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils, completed the London challenge in memory of Josh's mother-in-law Sharon Mirek who died in May from the cancer. She was diagnosed the day after Josh married her daughter Hayley on October 24 in America last year.

Simon, who along with Jack runs the Elephant & Bun delicatessen on Cowbridge High Street, said: "My wife Sheila and I have such fond memories of Sharon and her husband Craig. Both came over from their Rochester home in western New York to stay with us a couple of years ago and loved Cowbridge."

"The wedding was magical; the best four-day bash you can imagine and the Mireks were the perfect hosts to our family and friends who made the long trip for the wedding. At a post-wedding brunch, Sharon was taken ill and within hours was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer."

"She was so vivacious and outgoing and she fought it so bravely with her husband and three daughters, Hayley, Melissa and Taylor alongside her. Both Josh and Hayley were with her in Rochester during her final days."

And Hayley, 29, in a bittersweet moment two weeks before her 55-year-old mum passed away, was able to tell her that she was expecting, recently confirmed as a baby girl due two weeks into the New Year.

Simon added: "It has been such a difficult year for Josh and Hayley, especially this past few days as they celebrate their first wedding anniversary and prepare for parenthood. They travelled back and forward to America to spend much time with Sharon while both settling into new jobs in London where they now live."

"There has been much fundraising by Sharon's family and friends in America for pancreatic cancer research and we were determined that the British part of the family should do their bit."

"For Josh and Jack, it was their first taste of half marathon running but I was proud of both of them and as we took in the sights of London with 16,000 other runners, we constantly reminded each other of who we were running for."

Simon was also full of praise for the deli's loyal customer base who contributed £450 to a raffle to win a deli hamper.

"Jack and I were overwhelmed by people's generosity; everybody seemed to have a story to tell about cancer and in particular about pancreatic cancer, which has an unbelievably low survival rate."

## St Hilary WI members get advice on taking care of their joints!

THE October meeting of the St Hilary WI was held in the village hall. During the business section of the meeting, members were reminded of the Margam Tree Festival on Wednesday, November 30 with tickets at £2.50 each.

This month's speaker was Mr Stephen Cannon, MCSP. He is a chartered physiotherapist and runs the DTR Clinic in Cardiff (DTR = diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation).

Steve gave a brief resume of his long and varied career. He spent 10 years in the NHS working in various specialities. At this time, he also played rugby for Pontypridd, Pontypool and Cardiff RFCs and

held the position of team physiotherapist at Cardiff until 1990, when he moved into the newly established DTR Clinic. He has been involved in physiotherapy for the Barbarians rugby team, the men's ATP tennis tour and many Welsh athletics events.

Today, Steve continues to have strong links with local sportsmen. In his talk, Steve took into account that most members of his audience were of a more mature age and he gave a great deal of practical advice and information.

He described, in layman's terms, the nature of knee, hip and shoulder replacements and their rehabilitation. He also emphasised the need to exercise.

To take to your bed, especially with back pain, will not help. Joints need to keep moving to function properly.

Steve told members how much treatment has developed over the years. Back in the 1960s, for example, a torn cartilage was removed in its entirety, which involved two weeks bed-rest in hospital and six weeks off work whereas nowadays, it is a matter of keyhole surgery and only a few days off work. After a highly informative talk, Steve was willing to chat to members on their own personal concerns. After thanking Steve, refreshments provided by Barbara Gay and Jackie Roberts were served.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8 with the theme 'Christmas flowers', presented by Mrs Mary Grey. Everyone will bring a plate of food for refreshments. SD



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## Dogs Trust takes its manifesto to The Senedd



Andrew RT Davies

**DOGS Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, visited the Welsh Assembly yesterday on Wednesday, October 19 to discuss their 'Dog Manifesto for Wales' with Assembly Members.**

The animal welfare charity, which has 21 rehoming centres across the UK and Ireland, including one in Bridgend, cares for nearly 17,000 dogs each year and never puts a healthy dog down. In the last year, Dogs Trust has rehomed more than 400 dogs in Wales alone.

Hosted by Andrew RT Davies, AM for South Wales Central and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Dogs Trust drew attention to its continuing concerns about the breeding and selling of dogs, as well as the use of aversive training devices such as spray, sonic and prong collars.

Dogs Trust's head of public affairs, Claire Calder, said: "We were delighted to visit the Welsh Assembly yesterday. It was a good opportunity to voice our worries about dog breeding practices and our preference for the Welsh Government to continue to take the lead on dog welfare by extending their ban on electronic shock collars to other aversive training devices."

Andrew RT Davies AM said, "It was a pleasure to welcome Dogs Trust to the Assembly as they celebrate their 125th year. It is a fantastic organisation that does a lot of good work to help our four-legged friends."

"I visited their Bridgend base earlier this year and it was great to see their work in action, and it was an honour to sponsor their reception here in the Senedd. I wish the organisation well and have no doubt it will continue its good work in the future."

Dogs Trust was also delighted to be joined by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM, who spoke about her plans to improve animal welfare.

She said: "As we approach the 10 year anniversary of the Animal Welfare Act, it is clear it has had a significant impact on companion animals – a strong reflection of the passion the people of Wales have for animal welfare. We will continue to work closely with partners such as Dogs Trust to build on this work and to raise awareness of the importance of responsible animal ownership."

To read Dogs Trust's Welsh Manifesto visit: <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/news-events/news/dogs-trust-public-affairs-news>.

## Remembrance: My family and Granddad Skipper

**JONATHAN GEORGE SKIPPER: Rifleman 37237 (4968), 1st/8th Battalion, London Regiment (Post Office Rifles).**

Missing on October 7, 1916 – aged 36.

**EVERY year, November 11 comes around and as I have grown older, I reflect on the sacrifices of the Great War – sacrifices which my granddad made and the effect it had on his widow, my own mother and her brothers and sister.**

I was born in 1939, some 33 years after Granddad Skipper was killed, and that in itself is a long time. In the small terraced house at 200 Stafford Road, Great Yarmouth, a beautiful photo of Jonathan Skipper hung on the wall.

I remember it well because I was evacuated there at one stage during the Second World War until they started bombing Great Yarmouth and I was returned, with my sister, to our home in Twickenham.

Sadly, that photo did not survive the floods that hit Great Yarmouth and Stafford Road in 1953.

I also recall that my mother and her family rarely referred to the loss of their father and their brother, Arthur, in the Second World War.

It was more than likely that in the harsh winter of 1947, my mother would have referred to the tough times she went through as a child. She had to leave Great Yarmouth Grammar School at 14, to learn sewing and dressmaking which she took in to help the family's finances. She was the second eldest and there were three younger children to be brought up with no father.

So how has history affected my outlook? About 20 years ago, I started to research my grandfather's death.

Initially with the help of the War Graves Commission, I discovered his memorial at Thiepval. I also was able to establish the day, the battle and the ghastly deaths that occurred on October 7, 1916. On my mother's death, his final letter was passed to my sister and then onto me. It is so precious and I am deeply proud of his sacrifice. The words in his letter sum up the sentiment of an ordinary soldier separated from his wife and young family.

I cannot watch the Cenotaph Service or the concert from the Albert Hall, which I had the privilege to attend in my 70th year, without my own emotions welling up. It brings back all the memories of the great hardship in which Nana Skipper brought up her family. Also the emotions my own mother expressed every year on November 11.

I have revisited Thiepval now on three occasions, the last being when I took my daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren for a long weekend to soak up all the atmosphere of the battlefields and the fascinating museums in Ypres.

My grandson is nearly 16 and on my death will inherit the 'box of First World War memorabilia' I have collected over the last two decades.

As he is studying history at A-level at school, he already has a strong interest in both the First and Second World Wars. I know I will be leaving my collection in good hands!

It is so sad to see that we still have not learnt lessons from the horrors of those two World Wars. I just hope that the huge sacrifices that were made between 1914 and 1918 will never have to be repeated and that wherever possible, families, like my own, will pass on those personal memories that have been so important to me.

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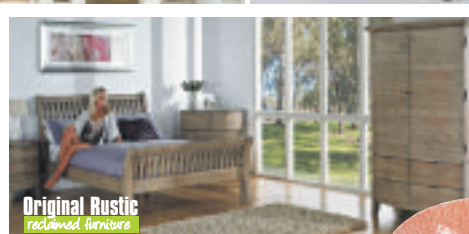
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From left: Prof Tony Curtis, Jane Hutt AM, Suzanne Grover and performing arts student Rebecca Hayes, who read poetry by Grahame Davies.

## National Assembly remembers Aberfan

**LAST week, the Senedd.**  
**Professor Tony Curtis and Suzanne Grover from Barry led the Aberfan commemoration in**

Vale AM, Jane Hutt said: "The 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster was marked in the National

Assembly last week, with tributes and a minute's silence at the start of plenary, a book of condolences and a minute's silence on Friday.

"I am privileged to know Barry resident Suzanne Grover who was brought up in Aberfan and who has coordinated the inspiring digital exhibition 'Aberfan-Remembrances of a Photojournalist IC Rapoport'.

"It is on display in Merthyr Tydfil's Redhouse and at the Pierhead building in Cardiff Bay until October 29.

"University of South Wales professor and poet Tony Curtis, also from Barry, read his moving and powerful poetry at the event."

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## Quiz expert joins NFU Ladies

**AT the Vale NFU's Ladies October meeting, Mrs Gwerfyl Gardner, gave an interesting talk on her experiences of appearing on television quiz shows.**

Gwerfyl was in the Glamorgan WI team that beat the Eggheads.

Five Members then took part in a small quiz which Mrs Liz Jervis won. Mrs Ann Rees gave the vote of thanks.

The delicious basket of fruit was won by Mrs Jean Griffiths in the raffle, the proceeds going to the Velindre Hospital Cancer Appeal.

The next meeting is at the John Lewis store, Cardiff on November 15 at 5pm.

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## Vale gears up for winter gritting



**THE Vale Council's winter gritting operation is on stand-by ready to react when temperatures drop.**

Although the weather is predicted to remain mild for the time being, the council is determined not to be caught out and has put measures in place should a cold snap strike.

A spokesman said: "The council's winter maintenance service

operates from October to April, with the aim of ensuring main routes across the Vale are kept clear of snow and ice. Salting normally takes place between 6.30pm and 7am, outside peak traffic periods.

"There are 644 miles or 1,030 kilometres of adopted highways in the Vale of Glamorgan and over 43 per cent of these are pre-salted when there is ice or snow forecast."

## Penarth Ramblers enjoy eagle's eye view of the Bristol Channel

**THE sight of the delightful sun-dappled**

**Castell Coch or the red castle perched high above the Taff Gorge greeted the 11 walkers who**

**joined Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers on a lovely autumnal morning,**

**and setting off back down the main drive to a housing estate, the group made their**

**way up through wet fields towards Rhiwbina Farm.**

A short piece of road walking led them back into fields and descending and crossing the Nant Cwmnoffudd stream, muddy leaf-strewn tracks after heavy overnight rain in Coed-y-Wenallt led them gradually uphill to the Wenallt Road.

Joining the A469 opposite the Travellers Rest and making their way through part of the Whitchurch golf course towards Cefnarnau-fach and fawr, a dirt

track led on past ruined farm buildings.

Descending through meadows and across the Nant Brynau, a really boggy field led them to their lunch stop at the Black Cock Inn before continuing down Black Cock Road below autumnal tinted trees to narrow muddy tracks through bracken on the lower slopes of Craig yr Allt.

Enjoying the views out across the Bristol Channel and over Taffs Well before descending gradually to the Taff Trail, there was a return

uphill through Fforest-fawr and a sharp descent back to the start.

By contrast, William played host to a group of 10 walkers who joined him for what turned into an 18.5-mile mid-week linear walk through the delightful Wye Valley.

Catching two buses from their start point in Chepstow to the historic old market town of Monmouth, birthplace of Henry V, they joined part of the long distance Wye Valley walk. A stone bridge led them onto the Gloucestershire side of the River Wye.

A footpath along the riverbank led to Lower Redbrook then back across the Wye into Wales for the gradual climb up through Whitebrook, Cuckoo Wood and Bargain Wood.

Trekking through gorgeous woodland at Botany Bay, and Coed Beddick to Brockweir, a flat walk along the old railway line led to Tintern Old Station for their lunch break. Next the continued along the riverbank and into

Tintern itself.

Then, passing the stunning remains of Tintern Abbey, another steep climb up through Limekiln Wood and Black Cliff Wood led to the viewpoint at the Eagle's Nest.

Their final descent led them through the Giant's Cave and on towards the atmospheric remains of Piercefield Park with its ruined stable block, past Chepstow Racecourse and back into Chepstow for the journey home as the night time enveloped them.

On October 29, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile moderate walk, taking in the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway and North Cardiff Craigs; Contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

On October 30, meet at 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a 7.5-mile moderate walk taking in Ogmere-by-Sea and St Brides Major; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

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## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS ALLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 5) 2016

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2. Gellir archwilio manylion llawn y cynigion, gan gynnwys copi o'r Gorchymyn drafft a chynllun Rhif T/16/68 yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig yn Heol Holltwn, y Barri ac yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol a bydd yn rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf.IF797) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 21 Tachwedd 2016 a bydd yn rhaid cynnwys eich sail dros wrthwynebu.

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## The Vale of Glamorgan Council (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING ANDLOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 5) ORDER 2016

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to modify, remove and install various parking restrictions as referred to in Schedules 1 to 11 in the draft Order

2. Full details of the proposals, including a copy of the draft Order and plan No T/16/68 may be inspected at the Civic Offices Holton Road Barry and the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF797) in writing by Monday 21st November 2016 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended in relation to the Roads and Streets listed below.

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

### Barry

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Dated this 27th day of October 2016

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
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## Penarth news in brief

**A CELEBRATION lunchtime concert with Rebecca Evans, supported by The Scott-McNicholas, August Guan, Anthony Negus, Nigel Lloyd-Latham and Stanwell School music students, will celebrate 125 years of All Saints' Church, Penarth on Monday, October 31 (12pm for 1pm).**

Tickets £10, from Foxy's Deli, Griffin Books and the All Saints' parish office on 02920 703170. Proceeds will support the organ appeal.

Friends of Penarth Library will hold a Halloween cake sale on Saturday, October 29 between 10am and 12 noon at Penarth Library.

On Saturday, October 29 Cancer Research UK is holding an autumn fair with coffee and cake at the Paget Rooms at 2.30pm - 4pm. Admission is £1. Please support the local Penarth branch of Cancer Research UK.

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# PHOTOGRAPHERS OFFER VISIONS OF PORTHCAWL IN ANNUAL COMPETITION

**PORTHCAWL Town Council, in partnership with Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society, recently held their 'Photography Competition 2016'.**

The competition invited keen photographers to take and submit images of Porthcawl and surrounding areas.

The winning images were then carefully selected and chosen by a local independent judge who is also a

professional photographer.

A presentation was held recently at the town council offices to present cash prizes and framed prints of their photographs to each of the winning entrants.

Prizes were awarded for first to fifth places and also to four highly commended images.

To see a full list of the winners and their images please visit [www.promotingporthcawl.com](http://www.promotingporthcawl.com)

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ABOVE: Philip Harrowing had two highly commended images.



The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee, with Laura Price, who took first prize.



David Jones' image was highly commended.



Geoffrey Baker took fifth prize for his fireworks image.



Susan Bodsworth's photo was highly commended.



Maciej Gadzinowski's Elvis Festival image was highly commended.



ABOVE: Fourth prize went to Andrew Hyde.

## PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT



ABOVE: Richard Craze took third prize.



Margaret Minnhinnick accepted second prize on behalf of the Eamon Bourke.

## WICK APPLE FESTIVAL HAD GREAT AP-PEEL!

THE second annual Wick Apple Festival 2016, organised by Sustainable Wick Community Group, was held at Wick Sports Pavilion during the afternoon of Sunday, October 16.

The event was a great success, judging by the comments that I and other members of the group received from visitors on the day.

Attendance was up on last year with a lot more people bringing their own apples to make into juice, which was very pleasing as this was one of the main objects of the event.

The competitions, quizzes, and other activities were enjoyed by all those who participated. New stalls for this year were;



Wick Apple Festival.

Hedgerow Harvest, a stall selling preserves using locally-sourced fruits, face painting and second hand books.

The group would like to thank: Arthur John & Sons, Strawberry Fields (both of Cowbridge), David Wilson Homes of Wick for their donations for the raffle, plus all the

members who donated items for the Organic Hamper and lovely cakes which were sold with a hot drink. Also, we would like to thank St Donats Arts Centre for the loan of equipment. All funds raised will go towards the Wick Community Woodland

Project in Monk's Wood, Wick.

Thanks also to The GEM for its support in helping to publicise the event.

Mike Webb (Chairperson, Sustainable Wick Community Group)

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## 'Be a Nice Monster' at Hallowe'en – POLICE URGE

**SOUTH Wales Police are once again launching a Hallowe'en campaign – with a 'Be a Nice Monster' poster and stickers, and on social media with #spooksafe, urging people to behave safely and responsibly during the trick-or-treating festivities.**

Since the beginning of October, specially-trained officers have been giving talks to school pupils about the adverse impact that anti-social behaviour can have on others – however harmless it may seem at the time.

Neighbourhood Policing Officers have also been delivering posters to schools, residents and shops so they can display them in their window to encourage good behaviour.

Primary pupils have also been asked to design their very own monster as part of the #SpookSafe. The winner and three friends will receive a voucher for a free round of mini golf, courtesy of Treetop Adventure Golf



in Cardiff.

Assistant Chief Constable of South Wales Police, Richard Lewis said: "For many, Hallowe'en is a time for celebration and we want everyone to have the most enjoyable Hallowe'en possible.

"With celebrations come the risk of situations escalating and behaviour getting out of

hand. It is vital that the public show consideration for their community when celebrating Hallowe'en.

"Police will take action against anyone committing acts of anti-social behaviour. Anyone experiencing anti-social behaviour should call 101. If it is an emergency, call 999."

## Keep wildlife safe when you plan a bonfire night blaze!

**WITH bonfire night and Hallowe'en fast approaching, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), and its patron Twiggy, are urging people to build bonfires on the day they are to be lit, to save hedgehogs and other wildlife from appalling suffering.**

It will not only save wildlife from burning to death but will also stop the bonfire from getting soaked should it rain the night before!

Fay Vass, chief executive of BHPS, said: "If material is stored on open ground in advance of having a bonfire, it's crucial to dismantle it and move it to another spot just before lighting. Ensure it's moved to clear ground – never on top of a pile of leaves as

there could be a hedgehog underneath, and not too close to pampas grass which can ignite very easily, and is another favourite spot for hedgehogs to hide under."

Fay added that when a large bonfire must be built in advance, people should protect it while building by putting some chicken wire, at least one metre high, all the way around the bottom.

This should be held in place with stakes and the wire should slope outwards at an angle to make it difficult to climb, as hedgehogs are good climbers!

In case you have missed anything, light the fire from one side only and keep people away from the unlit side so that any hedgehogs can, hopefully, escape in peace.

## Barnardo's launches new support service

**THE families of Armed Forces veterans can often be the forgotten victims of Service life, but now the children's charity Barnardo's Cymru has launched a new way of helping them.**

The Barnardo's Cymru Families of Veterans' Support Service (FVSS) has been set up to support children and their parents or carers with the challenges veterans' families can face when adjusting to civilian life.

Service families are often faced with unique challenges, ranging from family members returning home with a combat injury, or illness such as post traumatic stress disorder, to children having to adapt to a succession of new schools, disrupting their education and limiting their opportunities to sustain long term friendships.

During their time in the Services there is a

shared understanding of the issues that are faced by veterans, and formal and informal support networks are in place, but on leaving the Forces these are often lost.

Although some families are able to re-establish support links back in the community and have networks of family and friends, others can find themselves isolated and struggling to cope.

Barnardo's Cymru has been awarded £433,000 from the Covenant Fund set up by the Government to support the Armed Forces community. The money will enable the FVSS to offer direct support to the children and families of veterans.

The charity will be working in collaboration with the British Legion and other Forces' charities across Wales, creating a 'whole family approach' to supporting veterans and their families.

Barnardo's Cymru will also be working with the Endeavour

veterans' wing in HMP Parc Prison to identify and offer support to families who need extra help when the veteran is serving a prison sentence.

Children with a parent in prison often struggle in school and can feel a sense of abandonment. They are also more likely to end up in the criminal justice system themselves and suffer from mental health issues.

Laura Tranter, strategic service manager with Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment (CAPI) at Barnardo's Cymru, said: "What we can do is make sure children and families receive the support and direct help they need.

"One of the ways we can help is to make sure that children maintain contact with a parent in prison where appropriate, and support them in preparing for a visit."

For further information or to arrange interviews, contact Barnardo's Cymru media and communications manager Margaret O'Reilly on 02920 436229 or 07827 977830.

## New law looms for landlords

**LANDLORDS in the Vale of Glamorgan will need to comply with a new law coming into effect across Wales in November.**

By November 23, all landlords must register

themselves and their properties, while all agents and any landlords who also self-manage their properties will need to obtain a licence.

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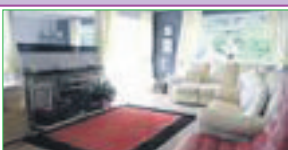
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# Tondu RFC dominate... BUT THE TIGHT SCORELINE SUGGESTS OTHERWISE!



ABOVE: Matthew Murphy and BELOW: Try time for Tondu.



Action from Tondu's game with Morriston. All pictures by GARETH ANTHONY.



**TONDU** started this game on the front foot but despite plenty of early pressure failed to take any of their chances.

Morriston then produced a sucker punch with some slick handling down the left for left wing Adam Summers to sail over for tremendous try.

Both sides tried to play rugby after that but some inconsistent refereeing made things difficult for both sides.

Tondu kicked a penalty through Josh Tatchell in the 35th minute to make it 5-3 to the visitors at the break.

The second half began with Tondu on the ascendancy and great work from the forwards resulted in hooker Jake Lewis crashing over from a maul, Josh Tatchell added the conversion to make it 10-5 to the home side.

A Chris Shill penalty for Morriston brought them within two points but relentless pressure from Tondu in the final 15 minutes will leave them wondering how they did not win this game by more.

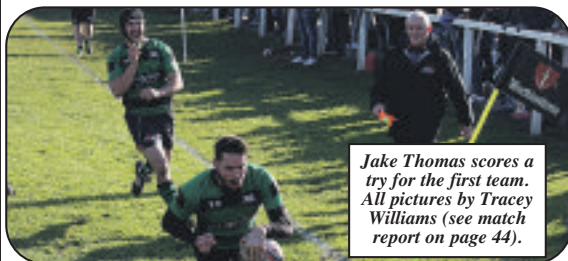
Tondu coach Matthew Tatchell said: "The challenge was to right last week's away defeat, and we put in a good performance to stay in the hunt at the top."

Tondu now have a three week break before travelling to Aberavon Green Stars on November 12.

Tondu secured an impressive 26-10 home win over Taffs Well.

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## Porthcawl RFC junior rugby round-up



Jake Thomas scores a try for the first team. All pictures by Tracey Williams (see match report on page 44).



Ross Parsons was awarded man of the match in the firsts' game against Crynant.

### PORTHCAWL RFC under-11s' faced Glynneath.

They were an unknown entity to us as we have never played them before, and we elected to play 10-a-side due to numbers.

A fast-paced start came from both sides, with Porthcawl taking a surprisingly early lead with a brace of tries each for Max Williams and Sam Taylor King.

Our defence was not as good as it should have been in the first half which allowed our hosts back into the game from 3-1 to 4-4 at the break.

The second half saw Glynneath with more of the ball, but against our much stiffer defence every possible attack was snuffed out.

Glynneath only scored one try in this half which put us behind 5-4 but we levelled the scores with a move off the back of a ruck with the ball eased out to Sam from a good combination of quick thinking and precise passing from Jac Bevan and Will Thomas-Parker to free up the centre, who happily ran in from 30 yards.

A few minutes later off the back of a scrum close to their try line a simple move again to Sam who again gladly obliged again, giving us the lead.

Glynneath were now aware the clock was ticking against them and, desperate to win back the ball, conceded a penalty at the breakdown.

Without hesitation Will Thomas-Parker forced himself across the line to give us a two try lead with seconds to spare.

As a team we were up for the challenge as always. We played with heart, great endeavour and applied ourselves to our task with glimpses of

### UNDER-10S

There were a number of positives in this under-10s encounter; we played two teams that have been unbeaten this season and had a very good passing game to complement some strong runners and on many occasions we matched their skill power and passion.

We started on the front foot, taking the ball up strongly and protecting out ball in the ruck, and things looked good as we were camped in their half for the first 10 minutes.

Our passing was crisp and we moved the ball left to right; then, with some quick hands from Oscar to Dewi, Samuel crossed in the corner.

Glynneath, however, got back on the scoreboard.

Next up were Ebbw Vale and Dewi put us one try ahead.

Ebbw Vale came back strong but our defence was equal to it.

From the restart Ebbw scored but rather than our heads dropping we dug in and continued to play well.

We held the game tight until the end where Ebbw Vale scored two very good tries to seal the game but they knew they had a fight on their hands.

This week the team are away to Valley Ravens.

**The under-7s were defeated 14-8 by Glynneath, while the under-8s were 11-7 winners against the same team.**

In the under-9s, the same teams saw Glynneath emerge 35-15 winners, while the under-12s were 50-0 victors against Punched.

The youth team lost 12-0 against Trebanos, while the seconds lost 40-13 against Bridgend Sports.

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## Bridgend Sports under-11s cruise to win over Tondu

**THURSDAY, October 21, 50 years after the events in the Merthyr Valley, served as a powerful yet tragic reminder for all to value and appreciate the importance of children and their enjoyment of life. Sport can play an extremely important part both in building a future and in respecting the previous generations.**

In a mark of respect, a minute's silence was held before the start of Sunday's mini and junior games between the Bridgend Sports under-11s and Tondu.

The first sign of winter was evident with a chill in the air as Tondu kicked off. The ball didn't quite go the requisite distance but the Sports opted to play the ball with a loose tap kick.

Tondu won the first ruck but Bridgend Sports countered at the second to secure the ball to put Joel Rogers away.

A player of his devastating pace doesn't need a second chance and he sprinted down the touchline to secure an early score. He followed it up moments later with a second try for the home side to lead 10-0 in the first three minutes, after Tondu had looked to run the ball from deep in their half.

Tondu ran the next kick out from deep, Dylan Morgan and Harri Williams brought the initial attack to a halt with some fine tackles before the ball was worked to Tondu's Jack Boobyer who broke up field.

The Sports strayed off side at the ruck to concede the penalty. Tondu moved it quickly but failed to take account of Sports' predator Callum Lewis who intercepted a

pass to break upfield.

Harri Edmunds was on hand to receive and retain possession and pass to supporting players. It was Tondu who now strayed offside.

Sports tried to move it quickly only to knock on. A short period of scrappy play followed with the chill air taking its toll as both sides opted to move the ball wide at every opportunity.

The Sports scored their third try when Tondu attempted to run from their own line, the ball fell to ground and the alert Harri Edmunds pounced on it over the line to take the home side's lead to 15-0.

A fourth try followed minutes later; good work in the tackle and ruck from the Sports Morgan Edwards help secure ball; Joel Rogers was on hand on the wing and he sprinted from the halfway line down the touchline to score his third.

Tondu played some good attractive rugby but were pressured by the Sports defence, where Dylan Morgan, Harri Williams, Iestyn John, Tyron Davies and Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins were prominent.

Will Ellis and Efan Dyer entered the field to make their debuts for the home side. It was not long for Efan Dyer to make his mark, he received the ball from a penalty move close to the Tondu line, he saw the away side move up to cover before changing his angle of attack to charge over to score.

He demonstrated his defensive skills next to halt a Tondu attack. The Sports won the ruck to move the ball to Richard Kirkup who did well to hold onto it then place the ball under pressure from Tondu.

Sports used a couple of short drives to take the ball upfield and then work it to Joel Rogers for his

fourth try.

Dylan Morgan scored the seventh after he robbed Tondu of the ball at a tackle deep in their half. He also scored the final try of the first half when he chased and gathered up a Cian John kick up field for the home team to lead 40-0.

In the second half, the opposition opted for a tighter game, choosing to keep the ball and attack close thereby restricting any opportunity for the Sports defence to force errors.

The tactic worked with scores restricted to three tries. Sports almost scored first following a period of play started by a Tyler Burton field and run, then some good support play with Cadan Hayes, Cian John, Dylan Morgan, Harri Edmunds, Mackenzie Dent and Tyron Davies all involved only for Tondu to steel the ball on their line.

Mackenzie Dent and Ben King were at the centre of the next couple of attacks for the Sports before Tondu eventually worked their way upfield for Ethan Lloyd to score from close range. Calum Lewis levelled the second half scores for the Sports.

Ben Pierce scored Tondu's second try with the final play of half when he followed up a loose kick deep in the Sports half for the game to end with a Sports 45-10 victory.

**Squad:** Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins, Ben King, Cadan Hayes, Callum Lewis, Cian John, Dylan Morgan, Efan Dyer, Harri Edmunds, Harri Williams, Iestyn John, Iwan Pilliner, Joel Rogers, Mackenzie Dent, Mason Balmer, Morgan Edwards, Richard Kirkup, Thomas Chick, Tyler Burton, Tyron Davies, Will Ellis.

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## Bridgend Bridge Club news

**THE club was pleased to welcome two representatives from Samaritans Bridgend on Friday night.**

Jan Watson, trustee and Lita Almond, treasurer, were presented with a cheque for £809 by Bill Turner, president.

This very worthwhile organisation is the chosen club charity for this year, and was pleased to receive our donation.

Samaritans carries out vital work both nationally and locally. Samaritans is available round the clock, every single day of the year.

Their phone lines provide a safe place for anyone struggling to cope, whoever they are and wherever they feel.

Samaritans Bridgend would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to be trained as a volunteer. The club is proud to supported the charity this year.

Congratulations to John Beard and Tony Haworth who stormed through the field in the



second half of the event to win the Western Area Teams Championship, the Vince Bevan, on Sunday, October 16.

### RECENT RESULTS

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

**Wednesday, October 19:** First, Kevin Maddox and John Beard; Second, Laura Woodruff and Mike Close. Third, Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner.

**Friday, October 21:** First: Simon and Debbie Richards; second: Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne. The winners on handicap were Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday

Disley and Debbie Lea. The winners on handicap were Sally Bryant and Steve Burgoyne.

Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday

afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday

Thursday, October 20:

First, Christine Evans and John Evans; Second: Sally Bryant and Steve Burgoyne; Third: Emer

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 *Betty will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.*

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the funeral service and committal on Monday, October 31 at 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, CF35 6AB, where family and friends please meet.

No flowers, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimer's.

### ALLEN

#### Iris

Peacefully on October 16 at Dan-y-Graig House, Porthcawl, Iris, formerly of Porth. Beloved wife of the late Cliff, cherished mother of Mary, Janet and the late Geoffrey, loved mother-in-law of Rosalie, Griff and the late David, devoted grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral Monday, October 31, service 1.30pm at Ramoth United Free Church, Cowbridge, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the funeral home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o Mrs. C. James, 11 Ffônnon Road, Rhosoe, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

### ESKINS

#### Dr Milton

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital - Milton, well known for his time as a Chemistry teacher at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Barry, also for his love and commitment to Barry Athletic Bowls Club. Devoted husband to Ann, loving dad of Sarah, Elizabeth and David, a respected father-in-law to Angela and special brother of Edgar.  
 *He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Milton is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until a celebration of his life at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Thursday, 3 November at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family floral tributes only, donations if desired may be made at the service or via Milton's online tribute page at [www.valefuneralservice.co.uk](http://www.valefuneralservice.co.uk), where you are also welcome to leave your memories and personal messages. All donations to support Diabetes UK in memory of Milton.

### GOFFIN

#### Janice Margaret (née Kemp)

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### HORTON

#### Pamela

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### JONES

#### Moira Patricia

Peacefully on October 15 at Y Bwthyn Newydd Specialist Palliative Care Unit. Moira, aged 53, formerly of Treos, Vale of Glamorgan. Dearly beloved wife of Martyn, devoted loving mother of Cameron and Kristian, treasured sister of Fiona and Donald, Precious sister-in-law of Stephen, Heather, Mandy and Giorgio.  
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#### Philip Arthur

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### BEADEL

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### In Memory

### WILLIAMS

#### Ronnie

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### Acknowledgements

### CALOE

#### Joan

The family of the late Joan would like to thank everyone for their kind support, messages of sympathy and for their attendance at her Requiem Mass on 10 October.

Special thanks are due to the staff of Bella Vista Nursing Home and of Ward E4 Llandough Hospital for their care during Joan's declining years and final illness; also to Canon O'Gorman for his kind and sympathetic ministry throughout and Philip Preece of W.H. Preece and Son Funeral Directors, for his totally professional services.  
 *All have been of great comfort and help to the family at this sad time.*

### SMART

#### Daniel

Betty wishes to thank all family, friends, neighbours, the kind district nurses and all those who attended Dan's funeral on October 6.  
Thank you for the many cards, messages, flowers and generous donations to Air Ambulance, Dan's charity.  
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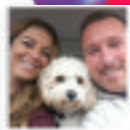
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## 'Absolutely Fabulous' vegan fair

ONCE again, an Absolutely Fabulous vegan fayre will be held at the Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth (CF64 3EG) on Sunday, October 30 from 11am - 4pm; admission £1 adults, free admission to children.

It's an opportunity for meat eaters, veggies and vegans to look at a healthy lifestyle and change their life. I have been vegan for 10 years and feel amazing. More energy etc.

Yes - we get lots of protein from so many plants etc and the food is now so amazing I can eat anything you eat in a different form. Also, the

make-up and skincare etc - is cruelty-free, and lots of fab people come and enjoy at my events.

It may be fun to dress up as witches, wizards, bats and cats, as the day before Halloween. Greyhound Rescue Wales will be in the foyer - Bev Page, and her fab rescued two, will be with us and many other animal rescues have free stalls at my event.

You will love the cakes - hot food - savouries etc and juices and smoothies too! Hope to see you all!

• For stall info, or more information, call Sue Thomas (organiser, Ab Fab vegan events) on 02920 709292.

## MP takes over controls of a rush hour train



LAST week, Alun Cairns was at the controls of the morning rush hour London to Cardiff train - as the Vale MP saw the latest work on electrifying the line.

He travelled in the driver's cab to see electrification along the route - before getting off at the mouth of the Severn Tunnel to inspect the major upgrade work that closed the tunnel for six weeks.

Mr Cairns highlighted the importance of transport links in a speech to the Institute of Directors in Cardiff, emphasising the

economic link between south Wales and the south of England.

He told The GEM: "The closure of the tunnel has been a real challenge for many in the Vale who travel to London or the south west of England for business."

"It's clear, however, that the benefits of the work being carried out far exceed the temporary delays. The UK Government is committed to electrifying the Great Western Main Line, which runs through the Vale and is used by a large number of local people," he vowed.

## Star opens new swimming pool

OLYMPIC silver medalist, Chris Walker-Hebborn visits Bridgend today (October 27, between 11am-2pm) to officially open the UK's first modular swimming pool built specifically for a private learn-to-swim business.

Chris was a shining light in the Rio Olympics as he picked up a silver medal as part of the men's 4 x 100m medley team, and he will be getting in the pool with local children to teach them essential swimming techniques.

Water Wings School is the project of Bridgend woman Alexandra Francis, who has always dreamed of delivering swimming lessons from her own facility.

She says: "At first the idea of owning our own swimming pool to teach Water Wings lessons from was exactly that, an

idea. Then I got in touch with Adrian Turner and the team at Total Swimming and it became a reality... a very exciting reality!"

Water Wings has already received good feedback from its users and the number of learners has doubled in the first month since the doors opened.

The pool was constructed by Total Swimming, described as 'the market leader in demountable swimming pool solutions across the UK'.

The Manchester-based company has completed over 50 projects for local authorities, leisure trusts and major leisure providers, but Bridgend is the first for a private swimming school.

The pool is situated at Water Wings Swim School, Unit 12D Kingsway Building, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kingsway, Bridgend, CF31 3YH.

## New airline set for take-off at Cardiff Airport

A NEW airline - Iberia Express - will begin operating a new route to Madrid for the summer 2017 season from Cardiff Airport.

The route, which will operate on Thursdays and Sundays, adds another capital city connection for Wales' national airport. This service will be an ideal travel option for both inbound and outbound leisure and business customers.

Flights to Madrid will provide a convenient opportunity for Welsh football fans to see Real Madrid in action and enjoy a weekend exploring this popular city break destination.

Flights will operate at Easter and then from June to September 2017 and will be on sale from October 27 at [iberiaexpress.com](http://iberiaexpress.com)

## Councillor will give 0.75 per cent pay increase to charity

A BARRY councillor has said he will refuse to take the proposed 0.75 per cent increase on his basic allowance if re-elected.

It comes as the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) has suggested all members should have a 0.75 per cent increase from May next year.

Independent councillor Richard Bertin has objected, saying he can't take a rise while the Vale Council is slashing services - it is proposed that the basic salary for councillors should rise by £100 to £13,400 per annum - he believes the

money should go towards supporting services.

The Independent Remuneration Panel says the increase is very modest and will be the first rise for three years.

At a meeting of the democratic services committee, Coun Bertin said he was against such a rise and would like it put on record that he will, if re-elected, be donating his rise to charity.

He explained: "I am sure that the majority of the general public would not at this time support a pay rise for councillors."

"There is no way we should be taking a pay rise while at the same time making severe cuts to services."

## ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED WITH 20 ACTS OF KINDNESS

TWENTY acts of kindness within the community are being carried out by parishioners as a church celebrates its 20th birthday.

St Mary's, Brackla was set up in Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary school to serve the surrounding large housing estate and now members are celebrating its anniversary by reaching out to help those less fortunate than themselves.

A variety of acts ranging from food bank donations to hospital visiting, providing items

for a local hostel and giving clothes and bedding to a homeless charity has already been carried out by parishioners and more are planned.

"These acts of kindness are intended to serve the community in general and have been successful and rewarding for those involved."

"It is hoped they will help those less fortunate than ourselves and may also lead to long term contact and assistance," said Stuart Davidson of St Mary's, Brackla.

# In and out of class at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg



Deg-y-Fan.



WITH year-7 settling in and the primary school growing to year-5, the whole primary school participated in a thanksgiving service on October 20 providing food to the local Foodbank and raising more than £105 in donations for the school's designated charity, Jac Bach.

Congratulations also to the five members of staff who walked Pen-y-Fan 10 times in 18 hours, thus raising a further £2,000 from the school community.

It has been a very busy half-term once again with a variety of extra-curricular activities, in particular sport excelling.

Following a recent house cross country event, the boys' and girls' team gained a very respectable position, and the First XV played Plasmawr on the Arms Park winning 13-7.

**NACE Challenge award**

**YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg** are delighted with the recent re-accreditation of the NACE Award.

The school is the only Welsh-medium school to receive this accolade and the only 3-19 school throughout Wales. PS

## 'People power can stop excessive house building'

**HOW awkward of the Minister Ken Skates to catch the Vale Council out, in stating a bypass for Dinas Powys is a "unique issue" (GEM News pp 4, October 20).**

The council has long denied it; their near-finalised LDP (Local Development Plan) excludes any bypass, while they maintain they can expand housing and increase traffic without it.

To change now requires not only inserting this major road construction into the LDP, but also substantial

changes at the congested junctions. Are they to plan a flyover junction at The Merrie Harrier and cliff removal at Baron's Court?

If they don't insert it into the LDP, where does that lead the plan, with a transport issue "that has to be resolved"?

The huge housing developments they want at Cosmeston and Sully can only make for gridlock at The Merrie Harrier etc.

Coun Peter King as the cabinet member for transport recently said that "alternative transport links" would make a "lasting impact on traffic volumes", but

no-one believes him.

Nor do we believe they'll happen.

Electrification of rail lines to Barry and Penarth is now shelved. Park and ride buses from Cosmeston across the Barrage are ill-conceived, with no bus lanes feasible.

For cycling, they cannot even build an up-to-standard link from Dinas to Pont-y-Werin.

The Minister's statement strengthens the hope that people-power can stop the LDP's highly excessive housebuilding allocations in the eastern Vale, and encourages objections to the latest

additions at Upper Cosmeston Farm (due by midnight on Friday, October 28).

With traffic issues to be resolved, the LDP inquiry has to be extended before allocating still more green fields for housing. **Max Wallis, Planning coordinator, Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth.**

## PACT

### meetings

**BUTTRILLS PACT at Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road, Barry on Thursday, October 27 at 6.30pm.**

**CADOC - meet your local officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road Barry on Thursday, October 27 between 11am and 1pm.**

**Court PACT on Thursday, November 3 at 6pm at the Witchell Community Centre, Dyfan Road Barry.**

**Illyd PACT at All Saints' Church hall, Park Road, Barry on Monday, November 7 at 7.30pm.**

**Dinas Powys PACT on Friday, November 4 at 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Edith Road, Dinas Powys.**



From left: Michael Sheen, BAFTA Cymru director Hannah Raybould, CAVC chair of governors Geraint Evans, CAVC vice principal Sharon James and performing arts students Meg Jones and Shaun Evans.

## Star Sheen opens college theatre that bears his name

**HOLLYWOOD star and producer Michael Sheen OBE** has paid a visit to Cardiff and Vale College's £45m landmark city centre campus and officially opened its theatre - **Theatr Michael Sheen**.

During his visit the Welsh star met staff, students, apprentices and partner employers to learn about the college's work to provide a stream of future talent for the creative industries.

**Theatr Michael Sheen** is a - 100-seat theatre space for student and community performances. The opening featured short addresses from BAFTA Cymru Director

Hannah Raybould and Michael Sheen, who said: "We all know about Dr Who, Sherlock, Casualty and things like that have been going on which have created a new sense of confidence in who we are and what we do. People have been coming to Wales for years and years to use our landscapes and communities and people both behind and in front of the camera. It is time that we took ownership of that - this is our country, this is our land and this is our culture."

"We need to create a system to allow that and I think what you are talking about and the aspirations of the college are absolutely true to that."

## VALE'S PORTHKERRY COUNTRY PARK IN LINE FOR UK AWARD



**PORTHKERRY Country Park has been nominated for 'The UK's Best Park, as voted by YOU! 2016' award, making the final list of over 200 nominated local green spaces from across the UK.**

This adds to an already successful year for parks across the Vale of Glamorgan, with seven - including Alexandra Park and Windsor Gardens, Belle Vue Park, Barry's Central Park, Romilly Park, Victoria Park, Knap Gardens and Barry Island Promenade - being awarded Green Flag status earlier in the year. They received this recognition for their

cleanliness, safety, standard of maintenance, community involvement, sustainability, management, conservation and heritage.

Now Porthkerry Country Park is the latest green space in the Vale to receive national recognition, following being nominated for Fields in Trust's best park award. Parks across the UK were open for nomination for the award between September and October, with the resulting nominees now able to be voted for up until 5pm on Wednesday, November 9.

Described as a "beautiful" place "steeped in history", you can vote for Porthkerry Country Park by visiting [www.fieldsintrust.org/bestpark/wales](http://www.fieldsintrust.org/bestpark/wales). Council Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "The council's ranger to work extremely hard to ensure that all of our parks can be enjoyed year-round by our residents, and it is fantastic to see that yet another Vale of Glamorgan park is receiving the recognition it deserves."

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## Gibbonsdown residents will vote next week

**THE Gibbonsdown, Barry, by-election takes place next week, on Thursday, November 3.**

The candidates standing are:  
**Julie Aviet, Welsh Labour / Llafur Cymru.**

**Jennifer Geroni, Welsh Liberal Democrats / Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru.**

**Dennis Harkus, Independent.**

**Shirley Hodges, Plaid Cymru – The Party Of Wales.**

**Robin Hunter-Clarke, UKIP Wales.**

**Leighton Rowlands, Welsh Conservative Party.**

UKIP's candidate in the by-election has told The GEM that he will be retiring from his position on Lincolnshire County Council in May so he can concentrate on representing people in the Vale if he is elected.

Last week, The GEM listed the candidates standing, and also reported that Mr Robin Hunter-Clarke of UKIP had declined to comment on how he would combine roles which could include being a councillor on two councils.

The GEM attempted to contact him via email, but Mr Hunter-Clarke

explained that he had not received the emails, adding that he was keen to comment.

He told The GEM: "I am retiring as a Lincolnshire County councillor in May, and will fulfil my commitment to the residents who elected me. That is the right thing to do."

"I was almost elected as an MP at the last election, and achieved the second best general election result for UKIP in the entire country."

"I now live and work in Wales and want to bring about real change for the people of the Vale and the residents of Gibbonsdown."

"Labour have taken people's votes for granted for far too long in this area, and I will do all I can using my experience in local government to deliver that change for the residents if they choose to elect me."

Julie Aviet, the Labour candidate, responded: "It's ridiculous that UKIP are trying to attack the Labour Party to try and get out of explaining how their candidate is going to represent this area whilst also being a councillor 260 miles away in Lincolnshire."

"It's just wrong and I think we deserve better than that in Gibbonsdown."

## 'Lights could save lives'

**I HAVE asked the local council on numerous occasions to install traffic lights at the junction/cross roads at Barry Road/Robbins Lane/Main Street.**

To exit Robbins Lane onto Barry Road, whether turning right, left or crossing over to Main Street, is a case of risking life and limb.

Exiting Robbins Lane, it is impossible to see around a bend that totally blocks you from seeing oncoming traffic or for the oncoming traffic to see you.

It takes a lot of skill and courage to get out of Robbins Lane and is always 50/50 as to whether you will make a successful exit. I take a sharp intake of breath everytime I use this

junction and wait for the impact of a car slamming into the side of me, as every exit is purely guesswork.

Each time I have requested lights on the junction/cross roads, I am informed there has to be a fatality before the request can be considered.

It comes to something that lives have to be lost before anyone will do anything about an extremely dangerous predicament that can take the life of an adult, child or whole families.

The situation has been made worse trafficwise since Tesco were given permission to open a supermarket on the corner which in all fairness, the area needed, as all local shops such as a bakery and greengrocers have disappeared from the

area, leaving locals having to travel for requirements.

I do not class all these overpriced corner shops as meeting the needs of the community.

Cadoxton is not at the top of the list for money to be spent on it, unlike the Island or The Knap.

Yes, Main Street and Vere Street have had a facelift, but if the rest of Barry saw these streets prior to the facelift – they were shocking, shameful, disgraceful, disgusting.

If the council can afford to re-vamp their offices and afford annual pay rises, they can certainly afford to install traffic lights at the site in question.  
**Anne Usher, Barry.**



## Local karate students enjoy camp

**COWBRIDGE Karate Jutsu Kai (CKJK) held a residential camp at Amelia Trust Farm over the weekend of October 15/16.**

In addition to lots of karate practice, activities included fitness training, tile and concrete block breaking, and a very enjoyable aikido session with guest instructor Renshi Laura Williams of Teoracy Aiki Ryu.

The camp was attended by over 40 junior and senior students, all of whom showed tremendous spirit and commitment.

Many congratulations to all who successfully graded on camp – particularly our three new sempais Will Birt, Sophie Isles and Katherine Downs, who achieved their 1st Dan

black belts, plus Stephen Thompson and Huw Price, who both achieved 2nd Dan.

Our thanks also to sempai Mora Garside for all the behind the scenes work she puts into organising and booking our club events.

The club runs three sessions per week at Cowbridge Leisure Centre – Monday (juniors 6pm-7pm/seniors 8.30pm), Tuesday (kata class 6pm-7pm) and Friday (mixed juniors & seniors 6pm-7pm). All are welcome regardless of age or ability with the first two sessions free to beginners.

*Pictured above (from left) are: Will Birt, Sophie Isles, Katherine Downs (1st Dans), Stephen Thompson, Huw Price (2nd Dans).*

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## November fayre in Barry church

**ON Saturday, November 5, there will be a fayre at St Paul's Church Hall, Barry, next to High Street School.**

The fayre will be packed with goods, all at

the lower prices for which the Churches of St Paul's and Merthyr Dyfan are well known. Stalls will include Christmas gifts, books, CDs and DVDs, homemade cakes and savouries, toys, bottle stall, toiletries and jewellery, home produce and jams.

There will be a grand prize draw with a £50 cash prize, a drinks and grocery hamper and many more prizes, and a 'prize every time' stall.

Admission to the fayre for all children is free, and for adults is £1, with doors open at 2pm.

All proceeds are in aid of the continuing work of St Paul's Church – the First Anglican Church built for the new town of Barry, and the ancient Parish Church of Merthyr Dyfan in Merthyr Dyfan Lane, Colcot, Barry. Also, this year the churches are supporting the Barry Foodbank in St Mary's Church for those families who are greatly in need.

## Double dance award

**ALUN CAIRNS MP, Secretary of State for Wales, attended a presentation evening at the Anthea M King School of Dancing in the Victoria Park Community Hall, Barry on Saturday.**

The school is celebrating 35 years this year and has been awarded silver in 'Dance School of the Year' and also received a High Achiever Award for Performance (both for the second year running).

The Vale MP presented the pupils with their certificates and reports from the performance awards/medal tests that the pupils performed in June and also saw the younger children perform a dancing display in front of their parents/family.



**CAROLINE Jones, a former physical education teacher who is now a UKIP Assembly member for South Wales West, abseiled down the British Telecom tower in Swansea in aid of Children In Need.**

Money is being contributed via a link on their computers. "I thoroughly enjoyed it once I got over the initial nervous feeling," said Ms Jones, UKIP's health spokeswoman in Wales.

## THE UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUES AS... Llantwit Major RFC run in seven tries

**L L A N T W I T MAJOR RFC's unbeaten home record continued on Saturday with a comprehensive seven try, 47-21, win over Tonyrefail RFC.**

Some rare autumnal sunshine and a sharp cold sea breeze greeted the teams at kick off.

Llantwit took a while to settle into the match as a series of errors provided a stop start game in the first quarter and saw them camped in their own half.

They soon warmed up though when a rare visit into the Tonyrefail half saw an impressive scrum against the head.

Quick ball between the half backs Rhys Balmont and Josh Austin released the three quarters with wing Lee Wood finishing off a fine move with a try, converted by Austin.

Next up was an individual converted try for hard-working Gareth Watts showing great speed and an even better dummy pass for a flanker, leaving the Tonyrefail defence in his wake as he ran in under the posts from 30 metres out.

Llantwit were now in full control of the game as the pack dominated the set pieces, with loose-head Geraint David having a solid game, dominating his much larger opponent at the scrum and putting in a hard shift at the tackle area.

He was duly supported by his senior colleague, tight-head Tony Burrows, who must be one of only a few players still playing at the sprightly age of 46 while also holding the accolade of being a grandfather!

The forward dominance was soon rewarded with some scintillating back play. Amove across the pitch with good handling and quick feet by centre Robin Lock set up wing Luke Dawes to cross in at the top corner accompanied by another big conversion kick from Austin.

As half-time approached Llantwit then picked up their bonus

point with a peach of a try. Some more fine back play saw man of the match Balmont turn the Tonyrefail defence with a lovely weighted long grubber kick for speedster fullback Rory Budina to chase after, grounding the bobbling ball with a naturally acrobatic dive.

The only blip to the home side's performance came with some weak tackling allowing Tonyrefail to take a converted try of their own before the half ended at 28-7.

The second half began with a reversal in dominance as Tonyrefail, to their credit, battled back into the game, applying pressure in the Llantwit 22, ending with a home side sin-binning and Tonyrefail crossing the whitewash for a converted try.

Llantwit, though, if given any space have such quick three quarters they will always look to counter attack, and their fifth try came from such a move, with wing Dawes taking a catch from a kick deep in his own half.

Setting off on a long looping run around the Tonyrefail backs, he was eventually brought down close to the line, but good support from forwards Shaun Shea and Jamie Lewis allowed Lewis to power over for an unconverted try.

Next up was another example of the skilful back line, a credit to both player and backs coach Robin Lock, who is always at the heart of the moves, on this occasion putting a perfectly weighted pass to

speedster Budina to race over and bring the haul to 40 points with a converted try.

Tonyrefail still were not done and again battled back for a consolation try of their own.

The final period unfortunately saw two moments of ill discipline, souring an otherwise good natured game.

The first saw speedster Budina taken out by a cynical shoulder barge, probably out of frustration by a Tonyrefail defender, with a sin-binning the punishment as Budina was carried off with an injury.

Llantwit, though, were to go one better as they received a completely unnecessary red card as one of the replacement forwards was sent for an early shower for some illegal footwork.

The game did end as it should, however, with some more fine passing and running for a good individual try, as Austin capped a fine kicking performance with a strong run of his own, going over at the bottom corner, this time converted by Ryan Evans to end the game at 47-19.

This week is an intriguing one as round three of the National Bowl returns to the Recreation Ground, kick-off 2:30pm.

Llangefni RFC will be the visitors after making a 240 mile trek from the Isle of Anglesea, as one of the most northern teams in Wales plays one of the southernmost teams in the cup competition.

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## Lansdown save earns league leaders a point

**TOP-of-the-table Llantwit Major welcomed Gwent team Treowen to Windmill Lane.**

Manager Karl Lewis was again without regulars and had to rotate the team. Treowen came into the game off the back of a cup upset against division one side Risca, so were brimming with confidence.

For much of the first half, the visitors were the better team as they stopped the Seasiders playing.

Treowen took the lead on five minutes as Llantwit failed to clear their lines and the ball dropped to a Treowen midfielder in the box and with a great finish, he guided it into the bottom corner.

The Gwent side dictated play throughout the first half but struggled to create

chances. The second half brought out a new Llantwit Major as they started to gain control.

Wingers Rob Jones and Mike Flavel began to break down the Treowen defence and striker Luke Cox brought midfielders Butler, Fletcher and Kristian Smith into the game.

Llantwit finally got a deserved equaliser on 70 minutes as Cox won a corner. A great delivery by Rob Jones saw captain Rhys Llewelyn head the ball home at the front post. Llantwit pushed for the winner but failed to create chances.

Treowen had a chance to win the game in the dying minutes as the striker went through on goal but goalkeeper Jack Lansdown pulled off a great save to earn Major a well-deserved draw.

This weekend, Llantwit travel to Panteg, LC

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# PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB ROUND-UP

**AFTER successive drawn games, Penarth Hockey Club first XI were keen to take as much as they could from a meeting with mid-table Devizes, and duly led the way on another weekend of mixed results in the GoCrea8 league.**

Penarth's 1st XI welcomed Devizes to Stanwell School following back-to-back draws against top-of-the-table opposition, at two weeks the longest run without a victory for the Vale side in over a year.

As a result, the Bears were determined to get themselves back into the habit of collecting three points rather than one in Conference North, and this resolve was evident within the first five minutes, as Andrew Willemite claimed his first league goal for the club following good work from Chris Baker on the right side of midfield.

Clearly liking the feeling he got from his opener, Willemite duly doubled his tally just minutes later, this time after a series of intricate passes around the Devizes' 'D' between Joe Thomas, Ben Croxall and Phil Lane.

With tails firmly up, Penarth continued to apply pressure to their West Country visitors and quickly found themselves 3-0 up with the clock still showing fewer than 20 minutes of action as Usman Dhami fired the ball inside the goalkeeper's near post after a penalty corner.

Meanwhile, any attempts by Devizes to turn the game around were thwarted by a strong defensive performance, as captain Tom Haran, Richard John, Mark Thomas and Marcus Powell consistently beat their opponents to the ball and effortlessly turned defence into attack.

Last season's top goalscorer, Laith El-Khatib, has some work to do if he is to

retain his crown after a late start to 2016-17, but opened his account with Penarth's fourth, before Croxall found the back of the net in the only manner he is familiar with this year, from the penalty spot.

That brace sent Penarth into half-time with a commanding 5-0 lead but, after a quiet first period, goalkeeper Adam Putt was called on more frequently after the break and made a number of good saves to keep Devizes at bay.

The visitors did manage to get themselves on the board after 50 minutes via a penalty stroke of their own, but this only spurred Penarth on to greater heights, and forwards Lane, Willemite and Jack Jopson continued to test the opposing keeper.

In the end, it was Willemite who added to his rapidly burgeoning tally with a further two goals to bring the final score to 7-1, capping an impressive team display by the Bears.

## CARDIFF UNIVERSITY B 3, PENARTH A 1

**Penarth's draw against league leaders Swansea two weekends ago allowed Cardiff University to leapfrog the second city side and assume top spot in De Cymru 1, meaning Penarth's difficult start to the season continued against another side occupying the frontrunning role in the division.**

The students had made an impressive start to the season, with three wins from three, so Penarth travelled to Tal-y-bont expecting a hard game but remaining optimistic that they could take something from the encounter to continue building on their own solid – if unspectacular – first few games.

It was the visitors who started best, creating several good chances in the opening exchanges, only to see them kept out by an excellent Cardiff keeper, and the longer the frustration went on, the more the University began to dominate.

Pressing Penarth hard forced the Bears back further into their own half, and it wasn't too long before the pressure paid off as the student side took the lead midway through the first half.

They then doubled their advantage shortly after with a fantastic goal on the break, but Penarth did not let the setback rattle them and continued to create chances.

Some excellent work by the Penarth defence set up several counter-attacks, only for David Joyce to find the Cardiff stopper in inspired form, but it was the forward who eventually got the Bears back into the game, beating the keeper just before half-time after a pinpoint pass from Andrew Hornby.

The second half continued in much the same form as the first, with Cardiff dominating and the Bears keeping them at bay. While Penarth centre backs Craig Llewellyn and Jamie Davison repelled waves of Cardiff pressure, goalkeeper Simon Comfort proved up to the task on the occasions they were outnumbered, but the visitors struggled to build prolonged periods of possession, despite still looking dangerous on the counter.

Cardiff were quick to snuff out any surprise attacks, often committing cynical fouls in midfield in the process and it was Penarth who were first reduced to ten men after voicing anger at the lack of proper punishment for the continued fouls.

Cardiff capitalised on the uneven numbers by burying a drag flick with ten minutes to go and, although Penarth pushed to get back into the game as a succession of penalty corners allowed Joyce to continue his duel with the Cardiff keeper, it was the latter who came out on top to ensure the game ended 3-1 in the students' favour.

## GWENT B 2, PENARTH B 3

**A strong Penarth third string travelled to Malpas to take on a Gwent side**

**which had soundly beaten the club's 'C' team the previous week but, with second XI regular Steve Davis joining Matt Birch and Dave Watkins to form a potent attack, the skipper was confident his side would prove too hot for the hosts to handle.**

That optimism appeared misplaced as the home team started the better, and Penarth, missing the calming influence of Rob Harrison, proved sloppy in possession, allowing their significantly younger opponents to take an early lead with a fine goal that gave goalkeeper Jason Harris no chance.

During this early period, Harris needed all his experience to prevent Gwent extending their lead before the feisty Nathan Townsend managed to get a grip in midfield and the tide began to turn.

Calm and disciplined defending from James Davies and the returning Richard Bromiley was then a key feature of a first half which saw the usually deadly Watkins waste several chances to open his account.

After the break, the match took on a very different tone with Mark Robinson and Townsend completely dominating the middle of the pitch. This contributed to two fine individual goals by skipper Watkins to atone for his earlier profligacy, sandwiching a superb penalty corner strike by Simon Wilkinson which gave the visitors a commanding two-goal lead with time running out.

Although some sloppy play allowed Gwent to reduce the deficit and set up a tense last few minutes, there were no further alarms for Penarth, who ran out deserved winners in a key game for the promotion ambitions.

## SWANSEA CITY C 7

### PENARTH C 0

**The recently-reformed fourth XI was also in De Cymru 3 action, travelling west to renew the rivalry with**

**Swansea already propagated by the senior sides the previous weekend.**

Despite again missing skipper Nick Pratt, who was called upon to umpire the game, as well as several other senior players, the C-siders were only 1-0 down at the interval and proving good competition for their experienced opponents.

However, playing with a bare 11-man squad against a Swansea side fielding five substitutes was always going to take its toll on Penarth and, with injuries biting after the break, it was the home side who pulled away, adding to their lead at regular intervals throughout the second period despite best efforts of man-of-the-match Luke Williams, who was playing his first ever game of hockey in the pads and kickers!

*All four Penarth sides will be in action this weekend, with the first XI taking on local rivals Whitchurch A in the capital, while the seconds need an improved performance if they are to keep realistic promotion hopes alive as they face Gwent A at Stanwell (1.45pm start).*

The third and fourth XIs, meanwhile, play out the first of several league derbies (noon start) ahead of the seconds' game, ensuring a full afternoon of hockey on home turf.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.00pm and 8.15pm.

*Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.*

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## Bad start to new season for the Sully bowlers

**SULLY Indoor Bowls club championship team have had a poor start to the new season, losing both opening games, firstly on October 8 away to Port Talbot who were relegated last season, but were always going to be formidable opponents, and then home to Newport last Saturday who are always a difficult proposition.**

The Port Talbot game came early in the new season with many Sully players short of practice and with Port Talbot fielding a number of top class players including some leading junior players Sully were always going to be up against it.

Port Talbot got off to a quick start and with the Sully team short of a number of players, unavailable for a variety of reasons, they were always likely to struggle on a green yards quicker than the Sully green.

After five ends Port Talbot had gone into a useful 17 shot lead, 37-20; unfortunately the rink of John Best, Alan Rees, Peter Hocking and skip Carl Best were up against a Port Talbot rink skipped by renowned international bowler John Price and were 12-0 down.

As the game progressed Port Talbot continued to pressurise the Sully rinks but two Sully rinks, skipped by Fred Phillips and Matt Gershenson, were both managing to hold a four shot advantage over their opponents, leading 12-8 and 10-6 respectively after the 10th end.

The other Sully rinks skipped by Dave Curtis, Chris Ackland and Ken McLeod were now competing well, but at this stage Port Talbot still held an 18 shot lead mainly due to the rink of John

Price, who was playing brilliant bowls. They increased their advantage over Best's rink to 18, leading 19-1.

Through ends 11 to 15, Port Talbot increased their advantage to 28 shots with the Sully rinks skipped by Ackland, McLeod and Curtis losing ground to their opponents, behind by seven, 11 and four shots respectively, while Best clawed five shots back and with Phillips and Gershenson remaining ahead four shots apiece, the overall score now stood at 69-97 in favour of the home side.

Over the closing ends Sully continued to struggle and the rinks of McLeod and Curtis lost out to their opponents by 16 and 12 shots respectively with Best's rink always under the cosh, finally losing by 20 shots.

Ackland's rink fought back well, eventually going down by just one shot, 19-20, leaving the rinks of Charles Coomber, Graham Brown, Paul Webley and Fred Phillips to win by four, along with the rink of Phil Gershenson, John Jones, Graham Cogbill and Matt Gershenson scraping home by two shots as the only Sully winning rinks.

Port Talbot gained 18 points to Sully's four points, winning overall by 43 shots, 97-140. **Sully welcomed Newport to Sully Stadium last Saturday expecting a close game as in previous years.**

Sully were hoping to get their league challenge back on track but were only too aware that they would have to be at the top of their game to get a result.

Sully got off to a poor start with Newport taking full advantage going into a 13 shot lead at the end of the fifth with all Sully rinks behind.

Eventually Sully players began to compete and were now playing

well with the rink of Brian Gist, John Jones, Graham Cogbill and skip Matt Gershenson taking a four shot lead, helping to close the gap to one by the end of the 10th with the score now 55-56.

Over the next five ends Sully began to take charge on four of the six rinks and although the rinks of Brian Griffiths and Ken McLeod were both behind by six shots apiece, Sully had retained their lead at the 15th end, 84-82.

The game was now entering the final quarter and Sully were now in a winning position and with the rinks of Dick Cowling, Chris Ackland and Matt Gershenson winning their games by five, seven and two shots respectively.

Sully were looking good but the remaining rinks went into meltdown. Fred Phillips' rink, including Andrew Morgan, Steve Close and Peter Hocking, had led a very good Newport rink up to end 18 then dropped a seven and a four on the final end when attempting to recover their deficit, losing 18-27.

The rink of Gary Eastment, Clive Collins, Dave Curtis and Brian Griffiths scored four shots on the first end but that was the only time they were ahead as their opposition won 13 ends to Sully's eight, winning 18-28.

Ken McLeod, supported by John Best, Roy Richards and Rod Hudson, struggled all through the game never getting to grips with their opponents, eventually losing by eight shots, 12-20.

Having been in a positive position at the 16th end Sully were disappointed to lose this game by 13 shots, 112-125, and taking only six points against Newport's 16.

*This Saturday Sully travel to Pontypridd to take on Taff Ely, who have had an excellent start to their season.*

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## Drew returns to haunt former club as Barry Town United ease to win



**Barry celebrate a goal.**  
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**Drew Fahiya on the attack.**



**Lee Baldock (left) and Jordan Cotterill line up a freekick.**

**FORMER Port Talbot forward Drew Fahiya proved to be the scourge of his former club at the weekend, as the ex-Welsh Premier League marksman helped his hometown team Barry Town United to an exciting 4-1 win over the Steelmen at Jenner Park.**

Fahiya, who had scored for Port Talbot in their 2010 Welsh Cup final against Bangor City, has endured a frustrating Welsh League campaign to date, but capped his return from injury with a brilliant brace, lifting Gavin Chesterfield's side to within touching distance of the top of Division One.

In spite of a pair of successive defeats on the road, Barry's sparkling home record in the division now puts them three points behind leaders Goytre, with a game in hand - and the home side racked up the goal difference on Saturday, against former Welsh Premier League opposition.

Birthday boy Jordan Cotterill wasted little time in breaking the deadlock, scoring in the fourth minute to delight

the 400-plus home supporters. Fahiya then made it two, before a cool finish from Jonathan Hood offered fresh hope of a Port Talbot revival, moments before half-time.

Sadly for the visiting fans, their comeback proved to be a fleeting one, with Fahiya restoring Barry's two-goal advantage shortly after the break.

It was then left to TJ Nagi to fire home the fourth, carrying the ball from the left flank and beating three defenders, before converting from 10 yards. A second half dismissal would only add to the visitors' misery and with Chesterfield making a handful of substitutions ahead of the midweek Nathaniel MG Cup quarter-final, the 4-1 result saw the Barry manager collect his 600th all-time point at the club, a record for the Jenner Park side.

Following Tuesday's quarter-final with Haverfordwest County, the Town head to neighbours Llantwit Major in the Welsh League Cup on Saturday, October 29, before hosting Welsh League Division One adversaries Penybont in the Welsh Cup at Jenner Park the following weekend.

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# The Dinas Powys ladies edge top of the table clash

**DINAS POWYS ladies were again on their travels this weekend as they had a top-of-the-table clash against Sploitt Albion.**

The home side started very brightly in the opening exchanges, keeping Dinas pinned in. The Sploitt forwards had a few chances as they found themselves through on goal but with poor finishing, they failed to break the deadlock.

Alex Allen, Leanne Pattermore, Kelly Tuck and Vicki Elison weathered the early 20-minute storm, showing their experience.

Sam Saunders and Jo Jones started to get to grips with the middle and slowly Dinas got back into the game. The introduction of Molly Chapman on 30 minutes was a massive turning point as her pace and willingness to work lifted the girls.

At the break a few issues were addressed, which saw the visitors on top right from the whistle. Laura Murray, playing through the pain barrier, could have opened the scoring but fired over from 15 yards.

Gemma Crowley fired wide from 25 yards and Laura Lewis snapped at a chance when she failed to realise she had time to take a touch; but you could sense it was only a matter of time.

As the game opened up, Albion won a corner and their number 9 was the fastest to react, heading home after the ball bounced off the crossbar.

Within minutes though Molly Chapman and Murray linked up for Chapman to equalise. It was then all Dinas, forcing corner after corner.

Albion, however, scored a goal from one of these, hitting Dinas with a good counterattack. This only spurred the villagers on and they changed to 3-4-3 for the final 15 minutes.

Dinas then threw the kitchen sink at their opponents. The three forwards proved too hot to handle and Laura Murray managed to draw Dinas level.

With only minutes remaining, another Dinas corner fell to the feet of Chapman, who drilled the ball home from five yards.

Murray thought she had increased the lead in the final minute as she managed to squeeze her shot across the goal, only for it to bounce out off the post. Beare, Bowles and Page all put in shifts in the second half and wouldn't lie down.

The attitude from all the squad was superb, honest hard work and the desire to go the extra mile for team mates is vital.

Training twice a week has had the desired affect on the girls as they are becoming fitter. Molly Chapman showed the reaction the coaches were looking for with a woman of the match performance.

**The previous week, the Dinas ladies fought out a hard-working draw against a spirited Aberdare Ladies to continue their unbeaten run.**

Failure to produce from dead ball situations early on in the game cost the Villagers. The visitors had an early warning as the home side forced the Dinas keeper, Naomi Wilson, into a fine reflex save, tipping a 20-yard strike over.

Dinas tried to force the game but Laura Murray and Molly Chapman were guilty of poor finishing. It was always going to be one of those days, as too many Dinas girls didn't seem at the races.

Taylor Page thought she had snatched the winner late on as her shot struck the upright, and brave defending denied Chapman at the back post.

Thankfully though, the defence showed their quality, ensuring the home attacks fizzled out early. Vicki Ellison and Leanne Pattermore marshalled them throughout to ensure a clean sheet with Beare, Crowley, O'Connell and Imperato, rotating as fullbacks, all standing strong.

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## Young footballers pay their respects



**TEAMS from every age group in the Vale of Glamorgan mini section showed their respects for the Aberfan disaster with a minute's silence before the matches last Saturday.**

Teddy bears and flowers were placed in the centre of the pitches.

Lee Saunders told The GEM: "This was a very touching and lovely gesture from the teams, I'm extremely proud to be the chairman of the section."

## Barry RFC senior rugby round-up



**Barry's first XV sealed their third win of the season against Gilfach Goch on Saturday, and HOWARD POOLE caught the action - ABOVE: Luke O'Sullivan crosses the line for a try.**



**Teinan Scott gets in ahead of the defender to add to Barry's lead.**



**Dave Taylor capped off the win with a try.**

**BARRY RFC second XV were unable to reverse their poor league form, despite a scintillating attacking performance in this Vale derby against Dinas Powys.**

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were once again faced with numerous last minute withdrawals from a number of players with a variety of reasons.

They were forced to once again delve deep in the club's resources to field a squad of 19, with seven changes to the starting line-up.

Barry shrugged off the less than ideal preparations and fired the first shot. A neat exchange in midfield saw Danny Ryan pierce the Dinas defence, and he beat the last man to score his third try of the season. Ryan was unable to add the extras.

This was however a false dawn as Barry's frailties appeared almost immediately after taking the lead. Non-existent tackling around the fringes allowed Dinas to march forward and score a converted try.

Ryan and his opposite kicker exchanged penalties as the lead briefly changed hands, but despite

having the advantage of the elements Barry were unable to form a cohesive defensive unit.

Dinas rattled up the tries in the next 20 minutes, taking advantage of more poor tackling.

Barry did look dangerous with ball in hand but they were outmuscled and outthought in the contact area.

When they finally had some meaningful possession, they created an opportunity out wide, where veteran David Provis finished expertly to bring Barry back in the game. Ryan was unable to add the extras, leaving the score at 22-13 at half-time.

Barry fought back after the interval as they began controlling their possession better, and got on the scoresheet again when Ryan broke free to score his second try of the game.

His conversion meant that the green-and-whites were now only two points behind.

Barry poured forward and this time it was Dinas who had no reply, and they seemed to have taken the lead when Joel Williams broke and fed Ryan who ran in for his hat-trick, only for the official to spot a non-existent forward pass.

Barry would not recover from that set back as their defence

buckled under pressure, not aided by a serious injury to prop Ashley Brown – we obviously wish him a speedy recovery.

Dinas scored again as the game broke up, but Barry never gave up as an attacking unit.

First Dylan Robertson waltzed through a bamboozled defence to score under the posts, with Ryan adding the extras.

The hosts extended their lead again but Ryan would get the hat-trick try that his performance deserved, before Barry scored a superb team try at the death, with Joe McCann finishing off a wonderful attacking move. Ryan added the conversion to take his points tally to 26, the final score 59-41.

It was a disappointing result for the side which showed glimpses of promise in attack, but once again the frailties in defence let them down in another game that they could have won.

Barry second XV will return to action after the autumn internationals in December.

**Team: Robertson; Chucas, Ryan, Provis, Poole; Williams (capt), McCann; Hall, Brown, Hunt; Deyes, Rolfe; Morris, Goodfellow, McTavish.**

**Replacements: Corne, Turnbull, Ashill, Pugh. Barry RFC third XV finally returned to action as they hosted Llandaff Second XV in what was their first game since their cup final appearance last season.**

Caretaker manager Gerwyn Pugh was buoyed by the return of some long term absentees as the third XV finally managed to get a competitive side together.

As it was, they produced a highly entertaining game which went end-to-end with a glut of tries by both sides.

Scrum-half Ashley Adams bagged a brace to send his side on their

way to a bonus-point victory.

Captain Nick Rolfe led by example and also crossed. There was also a try for fly-half Chris Bailey, full back Tom Poole, and a first try of his career for Joe Chucas.

Substitute Alyn Evans added another try to his column when he came off the bench to complete an emphatic, 45-32 win.

Credit must be given to their opponents Llandaff, who fought right to the end and produced some superb performances and tries of their own, to add to the fact that they arrived with only 12 men.

Barry third XV will return to action in two weeks when they visit Llanishen.

**Team: Poole; Rees, Mathews, Chucas; Bailey, Adams; Hunt, Turnbull, Fortt; Jones, Ivins; Rolfe (capt), Ashill, J Evans. Replacements: E Evans, A Evans, Miles, Goodfellow.**

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## Community Chest gives local sports a helping hand

**THIRTEEN sporting organisations from across the Vale have recently received a share of funds totalling £16,817 to help them increase participation in sport across their county.**

Barry Wolves Football Club, Barry Wanderers Cricket Club, Barry Town United Ladies Football Club, Barry Rugby Football Club Mini and Juniors, Inter Penarth Amateur Football Club, Penarth Hockey Club, Sully Sports Football Club, Dinas Powys Amateur Football Club, Rhosce Athletic Football Club, Island Marine Football Club under-7s and Penarth Ladies Hockey have all benefitted from funding.

The grants can be used to send coaches and volunteers on training courses.

Some organisations were awarded funding to buy new equipment that would accommodate extra club members. The

funding awarded to Dinas Powys Amateur Football Club, for example, will assist with developing a structure for girls; this will include establishing a junior girls section at the club.

LS Haven Air Target Club, meanwhile, plan to increase opportunities at the club for disabled people to try air target shooting.

The Community Chest panel has also recognised the fantastic contribution that the volunteers of Vale of Glamorgan Mini Football League make in helping hundreds of youngsters from across the Vale to be more active on a regular basis.

The Vale Council's sports and play development team manage the Sport Wales Community Chest funding scheme, which can provide up to £1,500 to clubs and organisations that can demonstrate they are going to increase participation levels or improve standards. The types of organisations that can apply include

sports clubs or associations, youth clubs, residents groups and other community groups.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said of the funding available: "Sporting clubs and communities provide fantastic opportunities for residents in the Vale to remain fit and healthy in a fun, social environment. The Community Chest allows these organisations to further increase these opportunities."

The next Community Chest panel meeting takes place on November 24 with a deadline for applications of November 10. There is still money available in the Community Chest pot for the Vale, so if you would like to discuss a potential application, contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793 or email [kjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:kjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk).

## On and Off TheTurf – with Brian Lee

THE GEM's horse racing correspondent Brian Lee has more than one string to his bow.

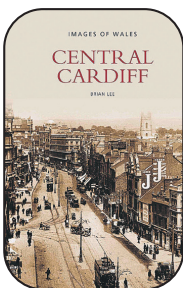
He's also well known for his books about his beloved Cardiff and since his first one, *Cardiff Remembered*, was published in the 'Images of Wales' series in 1997, he's compiled a number of others, and The History Press has just republished his *Central Cardiff* book, which was first published in 1998.

Brian, who celebrated his 80th birthday in July, said: "There has been a lot of changes in Cardiff over the last 10 years or so and I had a lot of updating to do."

*Central Cardiff* is published by The History Press at £13.99.

**GEORGE SAVES THE DAY**

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan sent three horses on the 370-mile journey to far-flung Kelso last Saturday.



After the first of them, recent winner *Ballyrock*, had pulled-up in the handicap chase and his next runner *Presenting Red* finished fourth of seven runners in the novices' hurdle just over 40 minutes or so later, Tim must have thought that the long trip home was going to be even longer.

However, in the closing Conditional Jockeys' Training Series Handicap Hurdle, teenager George Blackwell from the Vale, son of former leading point-to-point rider Steve

Blackwell, gave his boss something to smile about when bringing home the top-weighted *Bassarabad* two lengths ahead of *Binowagh Bay*.

*Bassarabad*, a six-year-old bay gelding, went off the 15-8 favourite and the odds are that we will be hearing a lot more about both horse and rider in the future.

**MINSTREL BEATEN A NECK**

Llancarfan's Evan Williams saw his *Court Minstrel*, the 14-1 rank outsider in a field of five runners, beaten by just a neck by the favourite *Hargam* in the listed *Better Odds With Betfair Exchange Hurdle* at Kempton Park on Sunday.

*Court Minstrel*, a winner at Perth and Chepstow last season, was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

Brian Lee

## Ten of the best for Rhoose under-14s

**AFC Rhoose under-14s stormed to a 10-1 victory over a competitive Island Marine side.**

Rhoose started strongly with wingers Iestyn Wills, Ewan Heywood and Daniel Bacon threatening out wide and it was Wills who played through Connor Booker, who found Kieran Daw, who slotted home Rhoose's first goal.

The dominant midfield trio of Ben Cope, Spencer Williams and Tomas Adams continued to pass through the defence and it was Adams who won a free kick, which was drilled into the bottom corner by Connor Booker.

Rhoose continued to defend valiantly with full backs Rhys J and Tori Brenden-Ireland stopping the threat down the flanks and centre backs Kai Scurlock and Joe Parry winning every challenge.

Despite Island Marine pulling a goal

back, Rhoose added a third after Connor Booker's cross found Spencer Williams, who finished superbly into the bottom corner.

Both Connor Booker and Kieran Daw added two more goals to complete their hat-tricks.

Adam Schufflebotham scored a terrific penalty against his old club to increase Rhoose's lead to 8-1.

Connor Booker added his fourth and Rhoose's ninth after a brilliant ball over the top from Kieran Daw.

Stephen Williams made a string of fine saves to keep Island Marine at bay, and Isaac McBride and Cole Clarke continued to battle for Rhoose.

Clarke rounded off Rhoose's rampant display with a thunderous first time strike from outside the box as Rhoose added another strong performance to their campaign.

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## Club Championship gets under way at Barry Chess Club

**THIS has been an unusually quiet week in terms of our league commitments with only one match to play. However, internally we completed the first round of the Barry Club Championship.**

The entries into the Club Championship have reduced this year with only 17 of our players opting to take part.

I took the decision to run only two sections and play five rounds of matches. The cut off point for deciding whether players were restricted to competing in the Open Section is a rating of 1400 and above.

Those players rated below 1400 are entered into the Plate but in the event of an exceptional performance, any one of the lower-rated players could win the Open Section.

Three byes were requested, leaving 14 players to contest the first round. As it is a Swiss style competition the top seven ranked players on the night each played an opponent from the Plate section.

You would expect the Open players to defeat the Plate players as there was at least 300 points rating differential on each board.

Five of the games went as expected but the odd games included a draw between John Stephenson and David Jones. David continues his unbeaten start to the season and also currently sits in fifth place in the Alec Wood Trophy.

The other game that did not go according to expectations featured Peter Watkins. I had to play him as a late replacement for the unwell Summer Cooke.

There may not be 300 rating points

between us but recently I have been playing like someone who is rated well below Peter.

Peter eventually lost on time to give me my first win of the season and put me at the top of the Plate table.

In the second division of the East Glamorgan Chess League, the Camelots travelled to Whitchurch to play the Cheetahs.

The Cheetahs have made a good start to the season and occupy one of the promotion spots.

The Camelots are much lower in the table and a tough game was expected. Excellent wins for Chris Green and Tom Cooke on the bottom boards, supplemented by a draw from Matthew Parry means we went home with a draw.

The Camelots sit just outside the bottom three but the draw gives us an extra tie break point that could prove vital at the end of the season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website

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http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

## Barrivale Bridge Club news

**THE LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 18 are as follows:**

1st Peter Millar & Mike Close 68.23%; 2nd Debbie Richards & Noelle Bond 58.33; 3rd Mick Green & Denis Mottram 57.29. Peter Millar and Mike Close also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome

at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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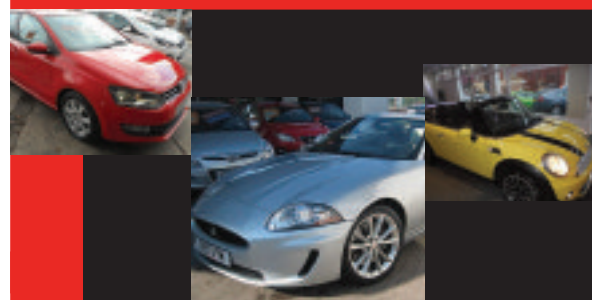
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# Black belt delight for JSTKD students



**JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness has welcomed five more students to their ever growing list of Black Belt club members.**

The most recent students to undertake and pass their Black Belt grading are Lynne Parfitt, Gethin O'Callaghan, Sean Edwards, Emily Doogue and Isla Bailey, who all travelled to Bristol on Sunday, October 16, where they faced a panel of senior TAGB examiners.

The TAGB (Tae Kwon Do Association of GB) is the largest martial arts organisation in the World with over 25,000 members and as you would expect, the

standards and expectations for those aiming for their Black Belt is extremely high.

The examinations are only held twice a year - April and October - and require a great deal of commitment from those students who are ready to step up and take the challenge.

The whole thing can take around three hours and those taking part have to display a variety of skills such as executing a number of patterns (their specific grading pattern plus choices from the examiners) sparring and line work and in addition, they are tested on Tae Kwon Do theory.

Each of these elements must be

demonstrated to a high level in order to be awarded the much coveted Black Belt.

JSTKD has a number of families who train together and Lynne, Gethin and Sean will be joining their family members who have already attained their Black Belts.

Tae Kwon Do is a great way for all ages and abilities to improve their fitness and anyone who would like to try it for themselves is offered a free taster class. Full details can be found at [www.jstkd.co.uk](http://www.jstkd.co.uk).

*Pictured, left to right, are Sean, Emily, Lynne and Isla (Gethin is not pictured).*

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## GYMNASTS HOOVER UP THE MEDALS IN POOLE



**PENARTH Gymnastics Men's Disability members for under-21s and over-21s cleaned up the medals at the Poole Open Disability Competition, taking 14 medals out of the 15 available to them.**

The weekend saw the team set off from our gymnastics centre in Ty Verlon Estate, Barry on Saturday for the drive down to Poole in Dorset.

The competition started at 9am Sunday with our team not taking part until after lunch; first to go were the under-21 level 1, the first apparatus being vault with David Melly and Daffyd Williams taking joint silver.

On parallel bars David Melly took the top spot with an excellent performance with Daffyd Williams following closely behind.

In the floor, once

again David Melly put in another excellent routine with Daffyd Williams following in silver position.

Then we moved on to the over-21s with all three gymnasts being from Barry.

The first apparatus was floor which saw Gareth Lloyd take the gold with a good clean performance. Kiaran Parsons silver and James Savory in third place.

The vault was won with James Savory taking the gold, Gareth Lloyd the silver and Kiaran Parson finishing in fourth place.

The final apparatus was the parallel bars where Gareth Lloyd took the gold, James Savory silver, and Kiaran Parson bronze in another closely-fought round.

These three men are consistently changing places on every apparatus at every competition they attend

and this was no exception, very well done all.

We now return to the Penarth Gymnastics Centre, Ty Verlon Estate, Barry to train for the next competition under the watchful eye of club leader Gwynedd Lingard MBE.

If anyone is interested in taking part in Disability Artistic Gymnastics, please contact Jeff Savory via [penarthgymnasticsclub@gmail.com](mailto:penarthgymnasticsclub@gmail.com) or 0780 316 5581; alternatively, you can call in to our centre, units 2-3, Ty Verlon Estate, Verlon Close, Barry, where disability classes are held Thursdays 5.30--6.30pm and 6-8pm.

*Picture above, left to right, are: James Savory, Gareth Lloyd, David Melly, Kiaran Parsons and Daffyd Williams.*

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# Bad day for golfing farmers!

**THE annual competition between members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society and their golfing friends from the Monmouthshire Farmers' Society was held recently at the well-maintained St Mary's Golf Club near Pencoed.**

Having suffered defeat on the last five consecutive occasions, the captain of the home team, Geraint Davies, selected what he thought was a team capable of returning to winning ways.

Despite an atrocious start for the hosts with Mike King and Julian Golunski soundly beaten by Mike Daniel and Peter Harris followed with yet another heavy defeat for Martyn Edwards and Clive Edwards against Martin Richardson and Peter O'Toole, hopes were raised when the next three matches to finish resulted in excellent wins for the Glamorgan team.

Mark Rees, partnered with Dan Jarvis, won their match against Gwyn Jones and Malcolm Francis followed by Jim Hayes and Tony McCarthy who won their match against Andy Gully and Charlie Park.

Further success for Geraint Davies and Trevor Wooding against Tom Price and Rhys Hinton raised the hopes of the Glamorgan team.

Unfortunately, a disappointing defeat for Godfrey Lewis and Arwyn John against Nick Hill and Jonathan Davies followed soon after with another defeat for Martyn David and Brian

Jones against Martin Ley and David Griffiths swinging the pendulum back in favour of the visiting team.

Clive Thomas, partnered with neighbouring farmer Raymond Thomas, raised the hopes of the Glamorgan team when easily accounting for Trevor Baker and Bill Thompson.

With the outcome still in the balance the hopes of the Glamorgan team rested on the shoulders of Gwyn Thomas, Robbie Llewellyn, Chris Watson and Aubrey Thomas who were still out on the course.

A drawn match for Chris and Aubrey in their match against John Duthie and John Anstey dashed the hopes of the Glamorgan team, and when Gwyn and Robbie failed to gain the vital win against Gwyn Thomas and John Morgan, the realisation of yet another defeat became a reality.

The final score in favour of the Monmouthshire Farmer's society was 16.5-13.5.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Charlie Park, Martin Richardson, John Duthie, Ray Thomas and Clive Thomas with David Griffiths hitting the longest drive down the selected hole to win the longest drive competition.

*Members of the Glamorgan Society are now looking forward to their next monthly meeting scheduled for today visiting St Pierre Golf Club near Chepstow to compete for the Sigma3 Trophy generously sponsored by Mr Brian Lakin.*

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# Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**IT was goals galore in the Vale league this weekend with 65 goals being scored in the nine games played, averaging seven goals a game!**

Only one game in the Premier Division as the majority were competing in the SWFA Intermediate Cup. Penarth Town got a 2-1 win over recently in form Island Marine; the win puts Town second making their game next weekend with Vale United a top of the table clash.

In Division One, Barry Belgrade stayed top as they were victorious over bottom side Glenbrook 7-2. FC Pumas stay a point behind Belgrade, Pumas edged out Cadoxton Athletic 4-3.

Third place Barry Athletic B were stunned losing 7-2 to reigning champion Cogan Coronation, who move up to fifth. Dockers got their second league win of the season, beating Cardiff Airport B 5-3.

Division Two saw a shock result as Barry Saints suffered only their second league defeat of the season as Island Marine B ran out 6-5 winners in a thriller.

The result sees Barry Saints drop to third as BVFC go second after a 3-3 draw with current penultimate team Rhose B.

These results were good news for seemingly unstoppable league leaders Cadoxton Imps as they thrashed St Athan B 6-0 to go five points clear at the top and continue their 100 per cent record.

Finally in the league Barry Albion ended a run of seven games without a win as they defeated bottom side FC Pumas 4-2.

In the aforementioned SWFA Intermediate Cup, several Vale clubs were in action and victorious. Vale United won 4-1 over old rivals from the Bridgend League Broadlands FC.

Barry Athletic unfortunately lost out to old foes too as last season's Vale champions Cardiff Airport, now of the SWFA Alliance League, won 4-2.

St Athan edged out Cardiff & District club Tongwynlais 1-0 to book a place in the third round, while Rhose won against Cardiff Cathays Cons 2-1 after extra time.

Cowbridge Town made the trip to Mountain Ash to play Perthcelyn and came away with a 3-1 victory. Dinas Powys Athletic unfortunately were heavily beaten 10-1 by Fairwater.

This week is a massive weekend in the Vale League with several key games being played on Super Saturday.

In the Premiership it's the top two as Vale United host Penarth Town, third place Barry Athletic, fourth placed Cowbridge play sixth place Island Marine, seventh place Dinas Athletic play eighth place Rhose and finally the bottom two Tynewydd face Masons Moving Group. A key weekend in the Premier Division.

In the Division One it's another top of the table clash as Barry Belgrade and FC Pumas collide and third place Barry Athletic B play fourth place SP Billy, fifth place Cogan play sixth place Cadoxton Athletic. In Division Two second place BVFC host third place Barry Saints.

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## Great turnout for athletics club

**WHAT a fantastic day at Bridgend for the Barry & Vale Athletics Club.**

An amazing turnout of 36 athletes all competing for the first cross country of the year. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.

Special mention for Saxon Arthur-Dyer who came 15th and Moli Lyon who improved her placing from 33rd last year to 25th.

Thank you to all the athletes, coaches and parents for making this possible.

Placings: Owen Thomas 93, Matthew Down 77, Sean McLoughlin 77 (under-

13), Eloise Goffin 96 (novice girls), Thomas Caldon 109, Rosie Day 74 (under-11), Harrison Day 70 (under-13), Alfie Christoforato 89, Ella Lyons 84, Moli Lyons 25, Ben Ray 34 (under-13), Evie Watkins 33 (under-13), Saxon Arthur-Dyer 15 (under-15), Olivia Browning 75 (under-11), Bethan Wrigley 78, Lydia Milward 55, Daniel Barry 80, Connie Shah 58.

The next Gwent League is on Saturday, November 12 in Brecon.

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## Flint's Newton Abbot winner

**VALE of Glamorgan trainer John Flint landed the 'Sharp Risk' third in American Grand National Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last Thursday, with his three-year-old bay filly *Khismet* who, under Tom O'Brien, won by four lengths from the fancied *Moulin Rouge*.**

*Khismet*, who was the youngest of the 14 runners in the race, went off at odds of 5-1.



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## Nine try demolition sees Athletic romp to victory

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC** came away from Newbridge Fields with a nine-try demolition of Neath Valley side Seven Sisters – a 51-5 victory in the first ever encounter between the sides.

In perfect conditions, both teams attempted to play 15-man rugby from the start.

With a breeze behind them, Seven Sisters started brightly but a ferocious tackle from flanker Iestyn Merriman on the Athletic 22 turned over possession.

Inter-passing involving nearly the whole side saw lock Sean Williams present centre Tom Morgan with a classic opening Athletic try.

Full back Dan Howells converted.

From a scrum on the Sisters' 22, scrum half Nick Jones, outside half Steven Lewis and centre Michael Hathaway all moved the ball quickly for full back Dan Howells to enter the line and put Morgan over for his second try.



Griff Davies and Stuart Edbrooke in the thick of the action.  
PICTURES BY GLENNSPORTS.

The Athletic squandered two further tries when, on both occasions, a final pass was not given with clear overlaps denying wing Chris Walker the opportunity to add to his seven-try haul this season.

The forwards then took it upon themselves to keep hold of possession and thrusts by the front row trio of Matt Muir, Lee Murphy and Lewis Davies were finished off by lock Sean Williams.

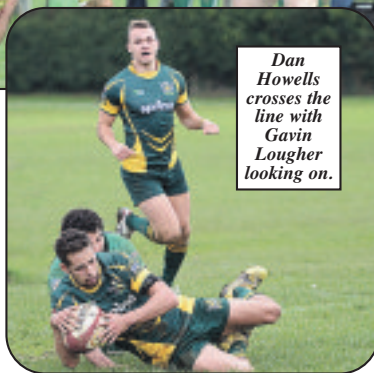
Howells converted to

leave the score 19-0 after 25 minutes.

Seven Sisters came back into the game and kept the score the same until half-time.

The Athletic started the second half a man short, as on the stroke of half-time, hooker Lee Murphy was awarded a yellow card.

This was soon evened up as within a few minutes of the restart Seven Sister's lock Liam John suffered the same fate for an offence in the red zone. Following the



Dan Howells crosses the line with Gavin Lougher looking on.

Athenic sin bin period, the Athletic brought on hooker Nathan Holman, flanker Simon Mustoe, wing Garin Lougher and to great cheers popular prop Wayne Fooks returned from a nine month absence with a broken ankle.

Good work by lock Griff Davies and Fooks set up the backs to open up play. Centre Michael Hathaway made a break before handing on to wing Chris Price, who stepped inside his man for the bonus point try and a 24-0 lead.

The floodgates then opened in the final 20 minutes.

On halfway, outside half Steven Lewis timed a pass to perfection for full back Dan Howells to take at full speed and race straight through a gap and run 50 metres to cross in the corner.

Within two minutes, Howells gathered a chip ahead by Seven Sisters on his own 22. The outcome was the same as the speedster raced 70 metres along the wing for his second try.

Excellent passing between Sean Williams and No 8 Stuart Edbrooke released hooker Nathan Holman, who raced 22 metres to cross wide out.

Howells converted to open a 41-0 lead.

Another sublime

passing movement saw centre Tom Morgan put Howells over for his try hat-trick.

Griff Davies then broke the first line of defence before handing on to Holman, who put Edbrooke away.

He was ankle tapped just short of the try line but his ever-present captain Ben Howe was on hand to cross and bring up the half century of points to stretch the lead to 51-0.

It also brought up the Athletics' double century of points in seven outings this season.

To Sister's credit, they did not give up and pressed the Athletic in the closing stages resulting in a close range try from their captain scrum half Garin Hope to complete the scoring at 51-5 in favour of the Athletic.

This Saturday the Athletic make the long journey north to play Mold in the second round of the National Plate cup.

Their next league fixture is on November 12, when third placed Athletic travel to league leaders Aberavon Quins in what should traditionally be an epic encounter between these two great rivals.

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## Porthcawl edge out Crynant in close encounter

**ON a great afternoon for running rugby, unbeaten and second-placed Crynant, with an experienced and very capable side, arrived at South Road for this top of the division clash with Porthcawl but ultimately it was an outstanding first half from the home side that would sort matters.**

Porthcawl were bolstered by the return from injury of influential scrum half Ross Parsons and it was his service that got the home side's backs running at the opposition with relish.

Porthcawl's pack were up against a huge Crynant eight and from the first whistle, both teams went hard at it, with not an inch given either way.

With the rampaging Tom Butcher at No 8 and James Burge-Davies at blindside leading the charge, it was Parsons who inspired the first score of the match.

From a quick tap penalty, he made a searing 40-metre break into the Crynant 22 and at the ensuing ruck, Crynant transgressed, allowing Josh White to bang over the 20-metre penalty for 3-0.

With Porthcawl's front row of Tim Lunn, Jack Williams and Anthony Griffiths setting an ample platform in the tight, the home pack had parity and more and on 20 minutes, from a lineout 15 metres out, an enormous driving maul ended with Burge-Davies being driven over for the try, with White's conversion being held up just short by the wind, for 8-0.

Make no mistake, Crynant themselves were fully contributing to an absorbing match but couldn't quite hit top gear as Porthcawl's combative approach allowed them little, with some great defence at times.

With the half drawing to a close, a moment of magic from Seaweeds hooker Jack Williams saw him break clear from a ruck, covering 30 metres into Crynant's 22 before the ball was moved left.

Superb transfer of the ball and the softest of hands from centre Tom Black, put a beautiful pass into the arms of wing Jake Thomas, who raced in at the corner for a quite outstanding

try. White's most difficult kick of the day from right on touch, clipped the inside of the upright, falling the right way for the extras and at 15-0. Porthcawl were deservedly in control, at the break.

The half time team talk certainly galvanised Crynant and they upped their game in the second half to cause Porthcawl problems, with the home defence being called on several times to thwart promising positions for the visitors.

That said, Porthcawl could have had a couple more tries as full back Gareth Rees and centre Sean Wilcox were both called back for marginal forward passes with scores on the cards and this seemed to inspire Crynant, who could still snatch the match.

Indeed, as the visitors started to create pressure of their own on the home side, their efforts finally paid dividends.

No 8 Iwan Hopkins, one of three sons of former Neath great Hywel Hopkins playing on the day, and who had a fine match throughout for Crynant, drove over for a deserved try, converted by centre Joel Healey and suddenly it was game on at 15-7.

Both sides lost front row players to injury in the final stages and the match went to uncontested scrums, which seemed to take the steam out of the Crynant charge, and with Porthcawl's backs having the better of matters behind the scrum.

Porthcawl had a chance to grab a final try when White's touch-finder from a penalty brought a useful line-out 10 metres out.

However, the Seaweeds couldn't take full advantage and when the final whistle sounded, the home side had emerged with a very well-earned victory, leaving coach Rhys James elated with his side's efforts.

Porthcawl visit Cilfynydd in the WRU Bowl on Saturday, while on Friday, November 11, the club holds a lunch with Lions great David Duckham MBE, who is in south Wales for the day, commencing at 12.30pm.

All are welcome, and for tickets, call the club on 01656 784242.

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## Park take all three points on the road

**MAESTEG Park Youth started on the front foot in Bridgend's first home league game of the season, moving the ball well out to the flanks in what was an even first half.**

Both sides had an equal share of possession, with both keepers' being tested. Town's Tyler Davies tried his luck from range with a free-kick that was just tipped over the bar by Park's Callum Benes.

Liam Joseph, Iestyn Lewis and Akash Ghavalkar all had attempts on target but to no avail, as the game remained scoreless.

It was Maesteg who had the last word before the half was through, with Keane Watts on target, testing Town's number one Josh Russell.

Maesteg continued to spread the play along the flanks but were lacking the cutting edge in the final third, but the same could be said about Bridgend.

Going into half-time both sides looked optimistic about the second half and their chances of earning a valuable three points.

Soon after the two teams were back on the pitch, the referee awarded a penalty kick to Maesteg after he adjudged that Maesteg's number nine was brought down in the box by Town's Jonathon Evans.

After much protest from the Bridgend players it was captain Keane Watts who stepped up and put the visitors in front by finishing well in the bottom right corner of the goal.

Bridgend changed formation in the hope of getting back into the game by trying their luck through both long balls into the box and intricate passing play.

Maesteg held firm to grind out an ugly but precious win. Bridgend will feel hard done by, as a decision from the referee was all that separated the two sides at the end of 90 minutes.

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